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## STAR WARS WARNING BY GORBACHEV

I like him, says  
Thatcher

**By DAVID ADAMSON** Diplomatic Correspondent  
**MR MIKHAIL GORBACHEV** said yesterday that it would be "unreal" to hope to stop the nuclear arms race unless there is a ban on space weaponry.

His remarks, made at a speech during a chilly lunch in the Great Hall of Hampton Court, followed two hours and 40 minutes of talks with Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary.

As on the previous day at Chequers, the focus was on the approaching Geneva arms talks and Soviet concern with what Mr Gorbachev, regarded as the second most senior man in the Kremlin, calls "the prevention of the militarisation of space."

Yesterday's talks in fact, continued, more or less from where they left off on Sunday with Mrs Thatcher, who flew out yesterday on a six-day world tour, including visits to Peking and Washington.

The talks were described by British sources as "friendly and substantive, businesslike" as well as "very balanced."

Mr Gorbachev's warning about space weaponry was part of the manoeuvring over the format and agenda of the arms control talks which is being conducted by the Russians as well as by the Americans.

The Reagan Administration is apparently committed to a new era of defensive weapons that could destroy incoming nuclear missiles from space.

The Soviet Union, still far behind in this field, is threatening to block progress on limiting long-range and medium-range missiles unless "Star Wars" space weaponry is firmly on the agenda with a view to banning it.

**Some British sympathy**

Mrs Thatcher seemed at least partly sympathetic to that view in a BBC interview in which she said: "One does not want to go into a higher and higher level of armaments." But she thought the most important thing at the moment was to concentrate on the form the arms control talks would take.

She said of her Chequers guest: "I like Mr Gorbachev, we can do business together." As a result of his visit she was "cautiously optimistic" that East-West relations could be improved.

"We have two great interests in common: that we should do everything we can to see war never starts again, so we go into disarmament talks determined to make them succeed."

Mrs Thatcher will see Pres-

## 6-day world tour

**By DAVID ADAMSON** Diplomatic Correspondent  
**MRS THATCHER** left for a six-day world tour which covers a year of considerable achievements in the field of foreign affairs to offset the dimmest tribulations caused by the miners' strike and continued high unemployment.

The first is that with the help of President Mitterrand, she has managed to dispose of budget reform as a major issue bedeviling Britain's relations with other EEC countries.

The second will be confirmed in Peking tomorrow when she signs the framework under which Hong Kong will return to Chinese sovereignty in 1997.

The agreement underlines Britain's role as the territory's guardian until the middle of the next century and is of immense importance in relations between the West and the world's largest communist state.

Finally, she has cracked for herself a role as the only West European leader closely involved in the talk-about-talks of the arms control negotiations which are due to have their first exploratory session in Geneva next month.

After spending nearly three

## Pensions staff end strike

**By DAVID FLETCHER**  
Health Services  
Correspondent

**COMPUTER** staff at the Department of Health and Social Security, who have been on strike for seven months, voted yesterday to return to work in the New Year.

Their action has disrupted payment of pensions and child benefit to several million people and has cost the department £100 million in additional administration.

The dispute ended in bitterness as the 400 strikers at DHSS offices in Newcastle upon Tyne and Washington, Tyne and Wear, attacked their own union, the Civil and Public Service Association, for failing to support them and unanimously passed a vote of no confidence in Mr Alastair Graham, the union's general secretary.

The strike started in mid-May in protest at DHSS plans for new shift-working patterns designed to save £700,000 a year.

Staff complained that the new arrangements would lose them pay of £14 a week, but the DHSS promised to safeguard all wages for two years.

**Other unions accept**

Two smaller unions accepted this arrangement, but the CPSA members voted to stay out.

When the rest of the CPSA membership refused to join the strike, the union's executive advised the strikers to return to work on the terms accepted by the two smaller unions.

A spokesman for the DHSS said that because of the strike it would take weeks, or even months, before all benefit payments would return to normal.

In the meantime, claimants should continue with present methods of receiving payments and would be notified as soon as they could return to normal methods.

## FORD PEACE FORMULA REJECTED

**By Our Industrial Staff**

Trade union leaders of 270 women sewing machinists, whose strike in a trading dispute had stopped all Ford car production, yesterday rejected the company's latest peace formula. They will report to the strikers themselves today.

The strike has already cost 10,000 workers laid off at Ford plants between £500 and £600 each, and they now look likely to lose this week's pay as well as the strike continues into the New Year. But they will be paid during the company's Christmas shutdown.

The dispute has caused the loss of more than £200 million worth of cars at showroom prices. The marxists are claiming an extra £6-87 a week to £144.

## GETTY £120,000 FOR WORKING MINERS

**By Our Industrial Staff**

Mr Paul Getty II has given £120,000 to the National Working Miners Committee to relieve financial hardship among working pit men who have been intimidated and have had property damaged.

They were Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Nobel prize-winner; Alexander Solzhenitsyn, a recently arrested teacher of Hebrew; Vladimir Gershman, a human rights activist who was sent to a psychiatric hospital; and Nikolai Baturin, who is among 200 Baptists sentenced or

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## BEST PAID MANS £250,000 RISE

**By Our City Staff**

Richard Giordano, 50, Britain's highest paid executive, received a £250,000 (£4,800 per week) pay rise last year.

The American born chief executive of the BOC group, the industrial gases group, collected £77,600 in 1983. His pay is related to BOC's profitability.

## SWEDES WIN DAVIS CUP

Sweden beat America 3-0 in the Davis Cup final in Gothenburg last night. Earlier Jimmy Connors was fined £1,600 for swearing on court on Sunday.

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Child murderer Colin Evans pictured with a four-year-old girl.

## 30 years for 'evil killer' of Marie Payne

**By ALAN COPPS**

**COLIN EVANS**, the "evil, unfeeling" killer of four-year-old Marie Payne, was jailed for at least 30 years yesterday amid demands for an inquiry into how Berkshire's social services committee allowed him to become a baby-sitter despite a string of previous convictions for sexual assaults on children.

Sir Gerard Vaughan, former Tory Health Minister, calling for an inquiry, said: "Local agencies have got to take much more care, how they go about selecting people for this kind of work."

Evans, a 45-year-old lorry driver from Reading, pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey to the murder of Marie Payne.

Mr Justice Kenneth Jones, passing a life sentence, told Evans: "I regard you as an evil, dangerous and unfeeling man and as long as you are at large there is always a danger you will murder again in pursuit of your sordid perversions."

"I recommend a sentence which is either conterminous with your natural life, or for so long as your sexual impulses have passed away with old age."

Evans led police to Marie's shallow grave in Epping Forest in May this year. 14 months after he had abducted her from outside her Dagenham home.

In the forest, Evans stripped Marie and indecently assaulted her.

When she started to cry he smothered her head with a heavy

## GAS BILLS UP IN NEW YEAR

**By ROLAND GRIEBEN**  
Business Correspondent

**BRITISH GAS** will announce tomorrow a five per cent. rise in tariffs from February and changes in rebates on standing orders for small users to try to help the elderly rather than owners of holiday homes.

The increase in bills will work out at around 4.5 per cent. after taking into account the continued freeze on standing charges for the vast majority of the industry's domestic customers.

The rises are needed to meet Government financial targets aimed at getting a bigger contribution from the State corporation and cover higher costs being paid for gas supplies.

British Gas is being asked to provide, around £1.5 billion for the year, in the shape of tax rebates and loans to help reduce the cost of financing the loss-making state industry.

Consumers qualify for a rebate if the quarterly standing charge exceeds the cost of gas they use. The reduction was introduced to help the elderly and low paid, but has benefited people with second homes.

British Gas estimated that the rebate would cost about £20 million a year but the latest estimates show the figure is running closer to £40 million.

## ANTI-SANTA JAILING

**By Our New York Staff**

A man who injured a Vermont shopping centre saying that Santa Claus does not exist was still in jail after five days yesterday because he refuses to promise to keep quiet. Brian Pearl, of Essex, Vermont, was told he could go free if he behaved but he refused on religious grounds.

The most romantic gift of fragrance  
a man can give a woman.

## Visited hotel

He had either drowned, or

died from exposure, said to

Irish sources based in Dublin.

His death brings to five

the number of terrorists killed in

clashes with the security forces

this month.

The bank has already called for £75 million of indemnities to be met by the end of the year.

If the banks pull out, the

Bank of England will have

to shoulder the burden alone, thus

involving the taxpayer in

massive losses.

The Ulster Secretary Mr Hurd

was asked yesterday about a

newspaper report that an Aus-

tralian

secretary

that would involve the

Dublin Government giving up

its constitutional claim to the

six counties of Northern Ireland

in return for guaranteed power

sharing in Ulster.

He said: "It is very specula-

tive," adding that it was

not for the British Government

to "deliver power-sharing" and

any change in the Irish constitu-

tion must be entirely a matter

for the Dublin Government.

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MEAN ARTS GRANT

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announced what Lord Gowrie

Arts Minister, described as "a

rather mean" overall increase

of 5.8 per cent. for the arts,

museums and libraries next

year. There were immediate

protests from the Arts Council,

National Gallery, British

Museum, National Theatre and

British Film Institute.

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# STORM OVER 'MEAN' RISE IN ARTS GRANT

By KEITH NURSE Arts Correspondent

AN overall increase of 5.8 per cent. in Government support for the arts, museums and libraries next year was announced by Lord Gowrie, Arts Minister, last night to a chorus of condemnation from nearly all the recipients.

Many arts bodies will have to make do with increases of only three per cent., well below the current inflation rate.

The Arts Council will receive only five per cent. more: £105 million, compared with £100 million this year.

Lord Gowrie conceded that he had managed only "a rather mean overall increase."

Sir William Rees-Mogg, Arts Council chairman, said: "Many of our clients, faced with grants increasingly below inflation, will and their very existence in jeopardy."

The £105 million was £15 million less than they had asked for.

Sir Michael Levey, director of the National Gallery, said he was appalled. The purchase grant for 1985/86 showed "80 per cent. of the Master paintings."

The British Museum was "taken aback" and said it would have to undertake a radical rethink of its purchasing policy.

**'Tragedy'** for theatre

Sir Peter Hall, director of the National Theatre, described it as a "tragic day for the subsidised theatre."

All the good work built up since the end of the war was now rapidly being destroyed. An increase of three per cent. against a higher inflation rate would result in "appallingly severe cut backs" at the National, an end of touring and include reductions in staff and in the company.

There would be £1.5 million in special sums allocated for conservation and display, and aid for building maintenance and repair would rise by more than 15 per cent. to £28.7 million. The purchase grants were being reduced partially to offset this increase.

## More for authors

He acknowledged, however, that with its allocation of £3 for 1985/86, the National Heritage Memorial Fund would be "squeezed a bit," a development which casts a shadow over the future of Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire, which is in danger of being sold and its priceless furniture and paintings dispersed.

He said that in reaching its decisions in future the Government would be looking for strong evidence that acceptance in lieu on behalf of the taxpayer, bearing in mind the substantial tax incentive to the offerer, represented "especially good value for money."

## GIFTS TO NATION

Government stringency

Our POLITICAL STAFF write: The Government is to become more stringent in its selection of gifts to the nation in lieu of tax payments. This year's provision for acceptance in lieu of tax stands at £4 million, which includes 2 million towards the purchase of land and property at Calke Abbey. But Mr Waldegrave, Environment Under-Secretary, announced yesterday that resources for acceptances for next year were limited.

He said that in reaching its decisions in future the Government would be looking for strong evidence that acceptance in lieu on behalf of the taxpayer, bearing in mind the substantial tax incentive to the offerer, represented "especially good value for money."

## ANNE SCARGILL 'VULGAR'

By LESLIE CHILDE in Rome

A "TONED-DOWN" five-minute interview with Mrs Anne Scargill, wife of the miners' leader, is to be broadcast today by the globe-girding Vatican Radio.

Throughout most of a trip to Italy Mrs Scargill was shepherded around by officials of the giant Communist-controlled GCI trade union confederation.

She obtained cash handouts and other solidarity gestures from Italian workers, and was accompanied on her mission by Mrs Marsha Marshall, secretary of the Barnsley Miners' Wives Association.

She and Mrs Marshall should have returned to Britain on Saturday. But they were approached by the Jesuits who run the Vatican Radio, which broadcasts round-the-clock services in more than 30 languages.

Mrs Scargill was interviewed, said, as one Vatican Radio official, that her references to Mrs Thatcher and other British domestic issues were "so vulgar and scurrilous" that the taped interview was scrapped.

Yesterday she was driven to Vatican Radio's headquarters for a second interview made by a British-born newscaster, Amanda Michison. This time her words were described as "bland and usable."

## GUARD WOUNDED

A security guard was shot in the leg during a raid on the Presto supermarket in Balham High Road, South London, yesterday.

Mr Jeremy Corbyn, the Left-wing Labour MP for Islington North at whose invitation a man and woman convicted of terrorist offences visited the House of Commons in October, addressing a picket line outside Neasden power station in north-west London yesterday.

## Scargill awaits talks call from Government

By STEPHEN WARD Industrial Staff

MR ARTHUR SCARGILL, the miners' president, told TUC leaders yesterday that he had no intention of bowing to Government demands that he adopt a more flexible posture in strike negotiations.

If there is a move on the part of Government to re-open talks then we will respond, they know where we are," he said.

It left the TUC's "iron cabinet" its Finance and General Purposes Committee, with nothing but encouraging news to pass to tomorrow's meeting of the General Council when the stoppage is due to be discussed.

The stalemate remains and an atmosphere of inertia seems to prevail.

A proposal that a rally in the NUM's support should be held in London later this week received no support from the committee members yesterday and there are no hard proposals about how the TUC will effect the assistance it has promised the union.

The General Council is expected tomorrow merely to endorse that pledge which calls on other unions to "redouble their efforts" to back the miners.

The group gave the miners' leaders a detailed report on their fruitless approach to the

## Lowest back-to-work Monday since October

MOST of the country's 174 coal mines will close at the end of this week for 10 days' holiday over Christmas and the New Year, before the Coal Board renews its efforts to encourage striking miners to return to work.

The Coal Board said yesterday that only 35 pits were still strikebound, and there were more than 69,000 members of the National Union of Miners defying the strike. The total NUM membership in the industry is 189,000.

But it appeared yesterday that most men wavering about

whether to go back had decided to wait until the New Year, to see whether the expected accelerated drift back was going to take place.

Seventy-three ex-strikers reported for work for the first time in the 41-week-old strike yesterday, the lowest Monday figure since October.

Coal Board regions gave the following figures yesterday for pits working and on strike, and for the number of miners working and returning to work for the first time.

These figures do not take account of "new starters" at coal products plants, or returning NUM clerical staff.

Normal Some men working on strike working Total Work force

Scotland 1 3 7 1 22 2,414 12,500

N. East — — 15 2 12 3,121 20,200

N. Yorks — — 12 2 13 600 13,000

Doncaster — — 8 2 1 183 13,000

Barnsley — — 12 4 5 404 13,216

S. Yorks — — 1 12 2 10 1,783 13,000

N. Derby — — 7 2 2 10 4,312 10,000

Notts 25 — — — — 28,500 30,000

S. Mid. 21 1 3 — — 8,102 8,558

Western 10 7 — — 1 10,528 12,000

S. Wales — — 4 24 — 125 18,600

Kent — — — 5 — 308 2,114

## NUM seeks injunction to halt rule changes

By JAMES O'BRIEN

THE mine workers' union executive is to seek an injunction to stop the Nottinghamshire NUM introducing proposed rule changes.

A meeting of the moderate-controlled area council will be held on Thursday, when it is expected the rule changes will be approved, if the NUM executive fails with its intended legal action tomorrow.

Already, 27 out of 31 NUM branches in the area have voted in favour of mandating delegates to vote at the area council meeting for the changes.

The most important move is to delete Rule 30, which states that where there is conflict between the national rulebook and the area rules, it is the national rule which shall apply.

**Move opposed**

An affidavit has been sworn by Mr Donald Lomax, who retired as the NUM's chief executive last year, which asserts that the area union has no power to change its rules without permission from the national executive. This is contested by the Nats Area.

The decision to apply for an

## YOUNG MINER ON STRIKE FOUND DEAD

Police are investigating the death of a young striking miner who was found at his home with an empty bottle of tables beside him.

David Hughes, 20, an apprentice electrician at Trelewis drift mine near Merthyr Tydfil and son of a lodge official at a neighbouring pit, died in hospital after telephoning a relative to say he had taken some pills.

He had been active in picketing during the strike and was due to appear in court to answer charges arising from one picket line incident.

## £4,000 'RED MEMORIAL' UPROAR

A FURIOUS row broke out yesterday over plans to erect a memorial in the "People's Republic of South Yorkshire" to a Communist who died more than a decade ago.

Up to £4,000 of ratepayers' money is to be spent on a memorial garden in Rotherham by the Labour-controlled county council in recognition of "Red" Tommy James, a former president of the town's Trades Council.

Mr Irvine Patrick, leader of the opposition Conservative group at County Hall, said the move was "a disgrace and an insult" to local people at a time when money was short.

"There are plenty of other worthy people more relevant to the people of South Yorkshire who could have been remembered," he said.

"After all the damage the Communists did in this locality with their strike in the 1970s, I am absolutely astonished."

### Civil war role

Mr James died in 1971, three years before the county council was formed. A card-carrying Communist for 50 years, he fought with the International Brigade in the Spanish Civil War.

During the 1972 General Strike he was imprisoned for three months for urging miners not to return to work. He spent sometime in Russia as a student of working-class history at the time of the Stalinist purges.

But Mr Roy Thwaites, Leader of the County Council, said the memorial was being erected because of Mr James's contribution to local trade unionism, adding: "The fact he was a Communist is irrelevant."

"We are recognising a man because of his contribution to his home town. He was a key figure in Rotherham for years."

### Extradition pact traps Irishmen

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

THREE men wanted in America to face serious charges were remanded in custody by a Dublin court yesterday after their arrest at the weekend under a new extradition treaty between Ireland and America that came into force at midnight Friday.

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### Peace signal

Mr Scargill, together with the NUM's vice president, Mr Mick McGahey, and its general secretary, Mr Peter Heathfield, were at TUC headquarters to meet its general secretary, Mr Norman Willis, and his six-man monitoring team.

The group gave the miners' leaders a detailed report on their fruitless approach to the

## Ex-council staff still paid despite finding new job

By A. J. MCILROY

HUNDREDS of civil servants displaced in the local government reorganisation 10 years ago are still picking up index-linked redundancy pay even though they have found other jobs.

In one case a former chief officer, now in another job, is being paid about £7,000 a year by a Berkshire council.

"This is a continuing situation and no laws are being broken," a spokesman for the Local Authorities Coordinating Committee, said last night.

"As long as the individuals concerned do not find employment again with local government or any other job funded by the ratepayer or taxpayer they will continue to be entitled in the pay until they retire."

The agreement does not extend beyond retirement. Hundreds, rather than thousands, are involved which is presumably why so generous an arrangement was possible.

Some members of Conservative-controlled Newbury district council in Berkshire have protested that the ratepayers not to return to work. They will continue to be entitled in the pay until they retire.

"We have been told these payments must go on until he

retires," said Councillor Keith Lock, a Liberal. "Apparently this is the arrangement made 10 years ago.

"But we did not appreciate that these payments would continue until or if, he went back into local government."

"He has been working since then as a solicitor and this means he continues to get two incomes and will do so until he retires."

**More than salary**

Mr Lock said the official concerned was now earning in redundancy payments more than the £4,900 his salary at the time of the local government reorganisation.

Mr Lock said he had raised the issue because "we want to make sure that these kind of agreements are not made in future."

Mr Brian Thetford, Newbury council's chief executive, said the redundancy agreement for the former chief officer was drawn up under government rules laid down in the local government reorganisation. This stipulated that officials losing their jobs and having 10 years or less to go before retirement would benefit.

## RAF to save £20m by trimming fuel bill

By Air Cdr G. S. COOPER Air Correspondent

THE Royal Air Force is to trim its fuel bill by £20 million this year and expects to balance its budget by March, despite reports of up to £60 million overspending.

Delay in the development of the Airborne Early Warning Nimrod has caused the programme to overrun by at least £400 million, but the main effect of this disaster will not hit the RAF budget until the next financial year.

Flying has been cut back by over 10 per cent. largely by shortening the time spent on non-operational flights.

Reserve services and Tornado flying in Germany will not be affected, a Defence Ministry spokesman said yesterday, and in general the fuel saving will not hamper front-line squadrons and the training of new pilots.

Senior officers say a reduction in flying hours is the easiest cutback to make effective, although they will not allow oilies' hours to drop to a level below which safety might be affected.

Other savings are being made by restricting travel by personnel and there could be delays to building contracts.

### Bit hand

A week earlier, an 18-year-old girl trapped in the same way managed to get away after biting Burke's hand as he grabbed her from behind.

Burke and Jones, of Cae Mawr Gardens, Porth Rhondda Valley, pleaded guilty to taking away 15-year-old with intent in have unlawful sex. Burke admitted rape and Jones aiding and abetting.

Mr GERARD ELIAS, QC, defending, said the offences grew out of a fantasy relationship between the couple but tragic ally the fantasy, fuelled by drink, had turned to reality.

Mr Justice MARS-JONES adjourned sentence until today.

## PARDONS FOR 5 DRINK-DRIVERS

Free pardons have been granted to five motorists who were wrongly convicted by the evidence of the Lorry Intoximeter breath test machine, and a further eight are awaiting to have free pardons ratified. Mr David Mellor, Home Office junior minister, said in a Commons written reply yesterday.

The cases occurred before the option of an alternative blood/urine test for borderline drink-drive suspects was introduced.</p

## Forest pervert told police 'I've wanted to kill myself every day when I've woken up'

### HANG ME, SAID MARIE PAYNE'S MURDERER

By IAN HENRY Old Bailey Correspondent

COLIN EVANS, the 45-year-old pervert who abducted and killed four-year-old Marie Payne carried out a carbon copy, though not fatal attack, on children 18 years ago, said Mr Allan Green, prosecuting, at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Unlike the events of 1966, when he returned the children to their homes after assaulting them in Hainault forest, Evans this time killed little Marie as she screamed and tried to run away.

Evans, after sexually abusing Marie, killed her with a blow to the head with a tree branch, and then buried the body under a blanket of leaves.

He returned to the spot two days later, exhumed the body, mutilated it with a piece of wood, photographed it and buried it in a shallow grave.

Wearing a dark grey suit and white open-necked shirt, Evans, of Russell Street, Reading, showed no sign of emotion as he was sentenced to serve not less than 30 years.

Mr Justice Kenneth Jones told him: "I regard you as an evil, dangerous and unfriendly man, and as long as you are at large there is always the danger you will murder again in pursuit of your sordid perversions."

Mr Richard Du Cann, Q.C., defending, had appealed that the "door to his natural life should not appear to be permanently slammed" by the imposition of a recommendation for two long a sentence.

But as Evans was led to the cells to begin a lifetime of separation from other prisoners, Marie's grandmother

cried: "When I went back the girl was making gurgling noises, I realised she was dead. I was in a flap. I was going to bury her."

#### Inside, I am like a boiling volcano'

After a break in the interview, Evans told police: "It's not now but it's relevant. On Friday I buried her in leaves and dead branches to stop animals clawing them off."

"I returned on Sunday afternoon. That's when the photographs were taken. I put her clothes in a tree trunk and cut the shoulder straps of her vest with a pocketknife."

When spoken to by police he had shown little remorse or concern about what he had done. He said he found it difficult outwardly to show emotion.

"Inside, I am like a boiling volcano, torn apart by grief, desperately sorry for what has happened. I would do anything to put it right."

For the 14 months since Marie's death he had been "too scared to talk and admit it to anyone." He was sorry for Marie's parents.

Turning to the three child stealing cases, Mr Green said Evans went to Ilford wearing his wife's and had his camera with him.

He later told police: "Thank God nothing came of my activities."

Asked if the children would have suffered the same fate as Marie, Evans replied: "I don't know what was in my mind but I don't think it would have gone as far as that."

#### Massive defect of nature'

He said he did not know when he was going to have "bad days" but most times he could control his feelings.

Outlining Evans's previous convictions, Det Chief Supt Little said that in December 1966, at the Old Bailey, Evans was fined for indecently assaulting a girl of two, boy of three and for child stealing.

He had taken the children from a spot near Marie's home to Hainault Forest and indecently assaulted them.

In 1970, at Essex Quarter Sessions, he was jailed for a total of 10 years for a series of indecent assaults on young children in a park.

In July 1978, at Reading Crown Court, he was jailed for three years for indecently assaulting a nine-year-old spastic girl.

In November 1980, he was jailed for six months for indecently assaulting girls of 12.

In 1985 Evans had been bound over for conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace, having apparently written to the parents of children he had assaulted.

Mr Richard Du Cann, Q.C., defending, said: "It will be obvious to anybody listening to these dreadful facts that the defendant suffers from a massive defect of nature which, as he has said on a number of occasions, is at times quite uncontrollable."

Evans was an intelligent man. When sentenced in 1970 to 10 years, he thought he would at last receive some treatment to help him combat even rectify that defect.

"He cannot do it on his own," said Mr Du Cann. "He needs substantial and sustained help if anything is to be done."

Evans was jailed for life, with a recommendation that he should serve at least 30 years.

He then gave an account of the killing, said Mr Green. He said he had travelled to visit someone who was out. He then drove to Dagenham and bought a pie and chips.

While he was eating them in his car, he saw the little girl coming along the road with a dog.

He got out, made a fuss of the dog and started talking to



Colin Evans: "An evil, dangerous and unfeeling man."

### The babysitter recruit in a catalogue of blunders

AN alarming catalogue of complacency allowed Colin Evans, son of a former Essex County cricketer, to become the most sadistic child killer since the notorious moors murderers, Ian Brady and Myra Hindley.

The scandal of events leading up to Marie Payne's death at the hands of a known pervert are bound to lead to a full public inquiry.

And the roles played by prison medical authorities, the police and the probation and social services will come under close scrutiny by any inquiry.

Evans, divorced with a 17-year-old daughter, was born and brought up in Barking, close to Marie's Dagenham home.

He was aware of his own perversions at least 14 years ago, but an apparent mix-up by prison doctors meant he never received the "essential" treatment he needed to dampen his sexual desires.

#### Three fronts

He was released without positive treatment five years later, and after a further seven years, with a nine-year-old girl, sex abuses to his name, he was amazingly recruited by Berkshire social services as a babysitter.

Evans abducted Marie just four months after he was acquitted of abusing two of the children in his official care at Reading.

Police have also braced themselves for criticism on

three fronts over their failure to capture Evans earlier.

Det Chief Supt David Little, who led the Scotland Yard inquiry, yesterday defended what he described as "criticism in hindsight" of the police failure to capture Evans.

Describing Evans as one of the 10,000 in Britain with convictions for child sex convictions, Mr Little revealed that one of their errors was in disregarding the "lone voice in the wilderness."

Mr Harry Hatton, an 85-year-old retired Merchant Navy seaman, told police at an early stage of their inquiry that at the time of Marie's early afternoon disappearance he saw a man in a yellow car eating fish and chips outside his home, just three doors away from where Marie's parents lived.

To that criticism Mr Little admitted they had searched the area 250 yards from the tree where Marie's clothing was discovered.

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On the other hand, said Mr Little, there were 19 other witnesses who said Marie was alive in that area at various times between two and five that afternoon.

The main lesson to be learned, according to Mr Little, was to never ignore the lone voice in the wilderness. He was only one man who had seen Evans, but I chose to ignore him against the word of 19 others."

Defending the fact that Evans had not been detected through routine cross checks, Mr Little pointed out that although he had been convicted of an almost identical, though not fatal, offence in Barking nearly 20 years ago, a new system collecting local offenders had not been introduced until the following year, 1987.

#### Assaults at 26

"Unfortunately for us that conviction of his was one year too soon."

A third criticism of the investigation is that, during a search of Epping Forest after Marie's clothing was found, the police failed, even with helicopter heat seeking equipment, to detect her shallow grave.

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After serving three jail terms for child offences he enraged the sympathy of a senior Reading probation officer, Mr Peter Southerton.

Mr Southerton was deputy chairman of the Reading branch of Toc H, the Christian charity organisation, and introduced Evans as a member. On his release from the six-month sentence in January 1981 he turned to Toc H for help.

They were sympathetic to him, and gave him £500. Mr Peter Southerton, who was chairman of Toc H for three years, was sympathetic to him, and gave him £500. The branch obtained much of its work from Reading Social Services Department, and Evans was introduced in social worker Mrs Brenda Ryan, who was acting as liaison officer between her department and Toc H.

#### Inb as babysitter

Early in 1982 Mrs Ryan, through another social worker, heard of a family in Reading needing help with babysitting for their three young daughters, aged five, three and two. During February and March, Evans babysat for the family on a regular basis.

The arrangement was ended because of the family's lack of money, but Evans asked if he could continue to take the eldest girl on local outings. When police spotted him with the girl in his car, medical examinations indicated that two of the girls had been interbred with.

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# REBEL BRITAIN DEFIES EEC ON MILK 'FINES'

By GODFREY BROWN Agriculture Correspondent

BRITAIN yesterday defied the Common Market Commission in Brussels and announced it would not be collecting or handing over to Brussels any penal "super-levy" due on excess milk production.

The first instalment of the levy by countries whose dairy farmers had outstripped their limit on production should have been paid by last Saturday.

Mr Jopling, Agriculture Minister, has always insisted Britain would not pay unless he was satisfied the milk quota and levy arrangements were being applied fairly throughout the Community.

The measures were introduced last April to curb the runaway cost of EEC milk surpluses.

Mr Jopling was one of nine Common Market Farm Ministers in Brussels last week who called on the Commission to postpone collection of the levy until the end of March. But this request was bluntly rejected by the Commission.

Mr John MacGregor, Minister of State for Agriculture, announced in a Commons written reply last night that Britain was "suspending action" on the levy "for the time being."

**'Not satisfied'**

The British Government was fully committed to the milk-supplementary levy arrangements agreed by Agriculture Ministers last March, he said.

But it was clear from last week's ministerial discussions, and from the position adopted by other member States, that there were differences in interpretation of the rules and uncertainty about the amount of levy due.

According to Dutch sources in Brussels, Britain, Holland, Germany, and Belgium have entered into a pact not to pay over to Brussels the first instalment of the levy until next March because they are not satisfied that collection of the levy will go ahead in other countries.

**'Very good news'**

Mr MacGregor said the EEC decision meant the Authority would be able to press ahead with its campaign to improve the marketing of fish in Britain.

"This is very good news indeed," he said. "The Authority can now start its multi-million pound campaign to get fish on the menu."

Meanwhile Common Market grants totalling nearly £2,700,000, mainly for building and modernising inshore fishing vessels, have been awarded to 59 separate projects in Britain, it was announced by the Ministry yesterday.

Scotland gets the lion's share of the EEC grants, with £1,990,000 for 35 projects, followed by England with £465,000 for 18 projects. Northern Ireland gets £203,000 for five projects, and Wales gets just over £39,000 for modernising a fishing vessel at Holyhead.



## Greenland's EEC exit snagged

By ALAN OSBORN  
Common Market Correspondent

GREENLAND'S move to become the first territory to leave the EEC has encountered an snag.

Denmark, seeking the accession on behalf of her province, was told yesterday that at least three of the member countries—France, Italy, and Ireland—have still failed to ratify the EEC treaty amendment permitting Greenland to leave.

The 50,000 Greenlanders voted by about 53 to 47 per cent in a referendum in 1982 to leave the Community. They set Jan 1 1985 as the target date for withdrawal.

**Irish adjournment**

It now appears that France, Italy, and others, where approval is still unclear, will probably be able to complete the treaty changes by the New Year, leaving only Ireland as the "odd man out."

Irish officials said this resulted less from any opposition to the move than from the fact that the Irish Parliament had adjourned until 1985.

The impression is that an interim deal will be put together by Ministers of the Ter over the next few days, so as to allow Greenlanders their celebration on New Year's Day.

The two outstanding problems are the compensation to be paid to Greenland for fishing rights in her waters after she leaves the EEC and the legal aspects of excluding Greenland from the Community's customs regime.

It is expected that each of the 50,000 Greenlanders would effectively get £300 from the EEC in exchange for the right to fish next year.

## EEC split on aid to steel

By Our Common Market Correspondent

COMMON MARKET Ministers were split yesterday on the question of continuing aids for the steel industry, and they put off all important decisions until the New Year.

The effect may be a temporary suspension of producing aids to the steel industries in member countries until the Ministers meet again in mid-January.

Mr Norman Lamont, Junior Industry Minister, described yesterday's session as a "holding meeting." He said some members wanted to increase their State aid to the industry beyond what had already been agreed.

**Opposed by Britain**

This was strongly opposed by Britain, but he said there might be scope for reallocating aid within the overall limits.

Mr Lamont added that all 10 EEC countries agreed state aids to steel should finally halt at the end of 1985. France, Italy, Belgium and Luxembourg have sought an extension and increase of aids into 1985.

EEC foreign ministers also began tackling yesterday the terms to offer Spain and Portugal for entry into the EEC following the breakthrough on specific difficult subjects like wine and fisheries reached at the Dublin summit meeting two weeks ago.

The Ministers soon adjourned and are to return to the subject today.

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Previous awards have been made for work in the following areas: improvements in efficiency in power stations; optimum start and shut-down times for heating systems; solar energy utilisation; the application of gas turbines to total energy systems; heat exchanger networks in industrial processes; a co-ordinated traffic signals system; a recuperative burner system for gas-fired furnaces and a new fuel-saving compound for motor vehicle tyres.

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# 'DEATH PLUNGE' DRUGS TEACHER GETS 7 YEARS

A TEACHER was jailed yesterday for seven years after being found guilty of supplying LSD which led to the death of a 16-year-old boy who fell from a block of flats.

Judge SUZANNE NORWOOD told 40-year-old RICHARD CATHERWOOD, an Inner London Education Authority supply teacher, "You are a danger to young people."

But the sentence was criticised as too light by the father of Lee SAWYER, the boy who died after taking some of Catherwood's LSD.

Mr Peter Sawyer said: "It is draft, it is silly. He will be out in five years and will be pedalling death on the streets again."

Mr Barrie Stead, chairman of I.L.E.A.'s schools sub-committee, said: "We are deeply shocked and horrified that a casual supply teacher who used to be employed by us has been supplying drugs."

"We were appalled to learn of the matter and are deeply sorry for the family who have suffered the death of their son."

"We were also extremely concerned to learn of Catherwood's previous convictions for drug offences, which were not known to I.L.E.A. when he was working in London schools and were deliberately concealed from us."

"If we had known of them, under no circumstances would we have employed him."

## Evil supplier

After the case at Inner London Crown Court, Det-const Graham Collins praised six youths who had given evidence.

"Catherwood was an evil supplier," he said. "He was arrested because of the courage and guts of these young men who saw one of their friends killed through drugs."

Catherwood was sentenced to seven years for supplying cannabis to a juvenile and for

murder, which was not a teacher and therefore not on the list.

## Two changes

The Home Office confirmed there is no legal means of checking a person's criminal past.

"Police records are entirely confidential," said a spokesman. "It is incumbent on the employer to take great care in taking up references. There is no access to the police computer."

Since 1979, there have been two significant changes in teachers' applications for posts.

At that time anyone graduating before 1972 could apply for a teaching post without a teaching qualification, which Catherwood did. Today all applicants must possess a formal teaching certificate.

In 1979, there was no question in the I.L.E.A. application form asking for details of previous convictions.

However, in 1981, I.L.E.A. introduced a clause asking for details of previous convictions, which, if found to be falsely completed, is considered a criminal offence.

An habitual drug user since the age of 20, Catherwood's first conviction was in England in 1970 — for possession of cannabis. He was deported from Israel for a similar offence in 1971. Two years later he was jailed in Munich for possessing cannabis and LSD.

In 1974, he was convicted in Northern Ireland of possession of LSD and cannabis and jailed for four months.

Finally, in 1977, the Inner London Crown Court gave him a six-month suspended sentence for possession of LSD and cannabis.

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## Drug-limit plan attacked by chemists

By DAVID FLETCHER  
Health Services Correspondent

GOVERNMENT proposals to limit the number of drugs doctors may prescribe are bad for patients, bad for the Health Service and bad for the British economy, the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry said yesterday.

It accused Mr Fowler, Social Services Secretary, of giving the misleading impression that only minor drugs which can already be obtained from chemists without prescription are to be withdrawn from the NHS.

"In fact, many of the medicines to be withdrawn from the NHS supply are available only on prescription. In numerous cases no adequate substitutes are proposed," the association said.

"People who suffer from conditions like dyspepsia, constipation, moderate pain and anxiety know that these are not minor complaints, nor are the medicines which help to relieve them minor."

"Mr Fowler's attempt to move, in part, spending from the public purse to the pockets of groups like the poor and elderly (who receive without charge some 80 per cent. of the prescriptions in question) represents a potentially damaging form of economy."

## Low cost

The association accused Mr Fowler of being further misguided when he said — in a letter to MPs — that virtually no other country in the world allows every drug to be prescribed at public expense under its health service.

"In fact, no other country has a universal, efficient and low cost health care system like the NHS or an overall medicine cost control scheme like the DHSS's pharmaceutical price regulation scheme."

It said that Britain spent about £50 per person per year on NHS medicines, compared with £50-60 in France, Germany and America and £75 in Japan.

The British Medical Association is equally opposed to the Government's proposals and Dr John Marks, chairman of the B.M.A.'s council, said yesterday that the plan was simply a cost-cutting exercise which bore no relationship to the needs of NHS patients.

He said that Mr Fowler was restricting the choice of treatment available for patients in the NHS.

Family doctors and hospital doctors would be forced to write private prescriptions and patients would have to pay the full cost of their drugs.

Dr Charles Hargrave, from Crawley, said: "There are going to be only two laxatives available, Methylcellulose granules and glycerol suppositories. The granules are extremely difficult to swallow, they have to be taken in vast quantities to be effective and there is a risk they can cause bowel obstruction."

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Every year Whitehall sets spending targets for local authorities throughout the country.

This year, under the new ratecapping laws, these targets have become absolute spending limits for those authorities on the so-called "government hit-list."

So it is more important than ever to understand how Whitehall sets its targets in the first place.

According to the 1984 Audit Commission Report (a government document) they are based on information that is inadequate and out of date.

Which is bad enough. But matters are made worse by the fact that Whitehall sets more than one target for each authority.

There's one based on its assessment of general needs throughout the country. And another based on precedents of needs and spending in each area.

The difference between the two is often quite staggering. For example, an authority which actually underspent one target by 4 per cent were judged to be 82 per cent overspenders

against the other target.

Whitehall also has the power to put its own value on particular local needs, or to increase or decrease money allowed for exceptional cases.

So it can and does treat prosperous and poor communities differently. But not quite in the way you might expect.

For example, the biggest overspender in the country (according to government figures) is the extremely affluent City of London. Yet the City of London will not be ratecapped.

The most deprived borough in the country (again according to a government assessment) will be ratecapped.

Even though its spending plans are decidedly modest by comparison, and its needs enormous.

So Whitehall not only makes the rules, it applies them in arbitrary, inefficient and unjust ways.

And as nobody can vote out a Whitehall civil servant, the traditional democratic means of ensuring fair play no longer apply.

## Ratecapping makes no sense.

Yesterday in Parliament

## CHANGES IN BANKING LAW FORESHADOWED BY CHANCELLOR

By PETER PRYKE Parliamentary Correspondent

CHANGES in the law on banking supervisory arrangements were likely to follow a review established as a result of the collapse of Johnson Matthey, bankers, and of the Bank of England rescue operation, Mr LAWSON, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the Commons yesterday.

MPs on both sides expressed concern that £75 million of public funds by way of a Bank of England indemnity should have been involved in the rescue.

There was also criticism that there should have been a public inquiry rather than an internal review.

Mr Lawson insisted that no taxpayer's money was involved and that no internal inquiry, with Treasury representation and an independent consultant as well as the Bank of England, was the right procedure.

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by the Government, causing heavy unemployment?

Mr LAWSON replied that the provisions of the 1979 Banking Act would be at the heart of the inquiry. "It may well be that it will be necessary to introduce certain amendments to the Act."

On the contrast with manufacturing industry, he said the shareholders of Johnson Matthey had lost three-quarters of their money, £250 million, and their entire top management from the chairman downwards had been obliged to resign.

Mr Lawson said the relationship with the auditors in this matter, and in general the relationships of auditors of banks and the supervising authority would be germane to the inquiry.

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## MPs call for action to save ships

By WILLIAM WEEKES Parliamentary Staff

A WARNING that Britain might be left with only cruise ships and ferries by the year 2000 if the decline in the merchant fleet continued was given by Mr MICHAEL COLVIN (C. Romsey and Waterside) in the Commons yesterday.

In spite of being one of the most modern and efficient in the world, the British fleet was declining at the rate of two ships a week which could nearly extinguish it by the end of the decade.

Opening a debate in which he called for action to help the industry survive, Mr Colvin said that in 1966 Britain had the largest merchant fleet in the world with 12½ per cent. of world tonnage.

But our share of merchant shipping was now down to only three per cent. and still falling fast.

The shipping industry was of critical importance in sustaining Britain's competitive performance in world markets.

It employed more than 45,000 officers, ratings and cadets in about 800 vessels, earned £3.5 billion a year and contributed a surplus of £1 billion to the balance of payments.

Mr DAVID MITCHELL, Transport Under-Secretary, said the British Merchant fleet was the seventh largest in the world in spite of the decline.

The Government shared the concern at what was happening, but it was "too simplistic" to extrapolate the recent level of decline and to suggest that it was an inevitable progression which would leave nothing at all.

He promised to draw the Chancellor's attention to what had been said about the tax position of British ships.

The Government would keep up constant pressure against those who sought to close markets to British shipping.

It would also ensure that sufficient vessels were available to fulfil defence requirements.

### Today in Parliament

#### HOUSE OF LORDS

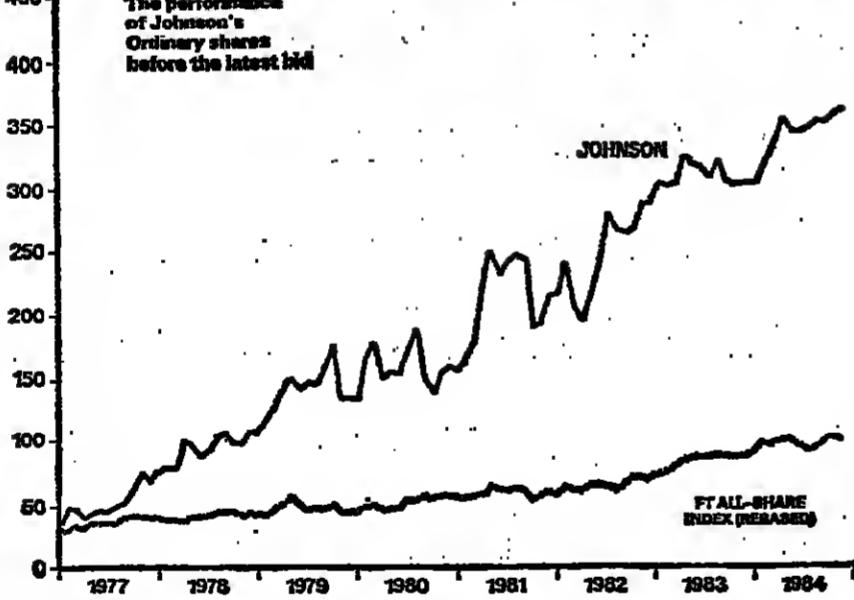
2.30: Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill, 3rd readings; Local Government (Interim Provisions) Act 1984 (Appointed Day) Order (1985); Royal Ulster Constabulary (NI) Bill; Appropriation (NI) 31 Northern Ireland Order 1984; Dangerous Vessels Bill, 2nd reading.

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS

2.30: Debate on Estimate of Industrial Support; Dept. of Energy; Industrial Training Levy; Construction Board; Order debate on EEC documents no transport measures.

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## DEATHS, IN MEMORIAM

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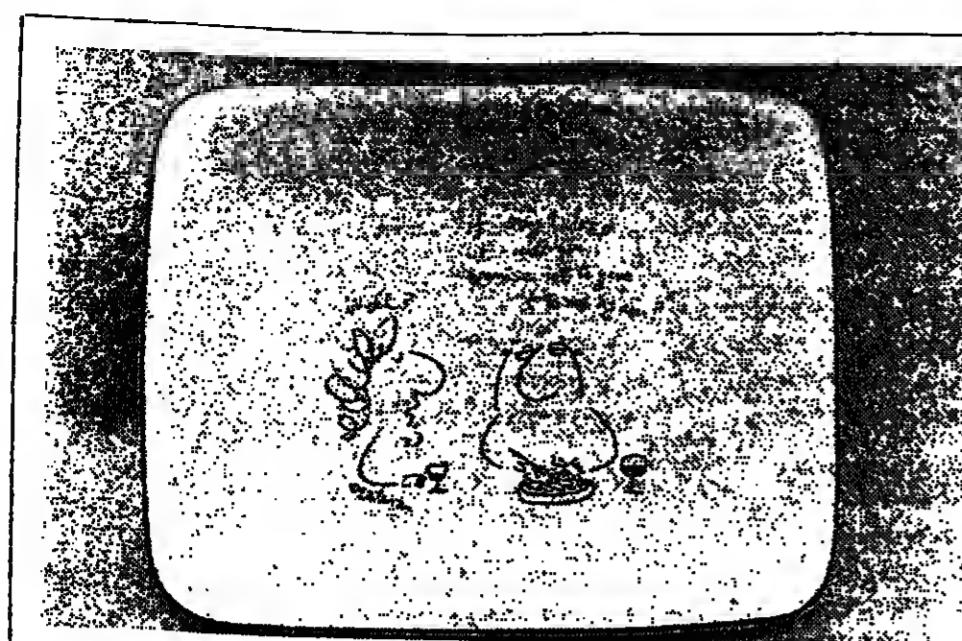
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## Serving up wit

THIS Christmas's wittiest range of flan, baking and soufflé dishes is humorously decorated by the cartoonist Calman, to whom the man in the domestic disasters bears a passing resemblance.

The odd couple (as on the oblong baking dish pictured left) are gloomily portrayed having the kind of truncated conversations married people specialise in. "Well?" asks the wife. "If I say I liked it, would you promise not to give it to me again?" replies her husband.

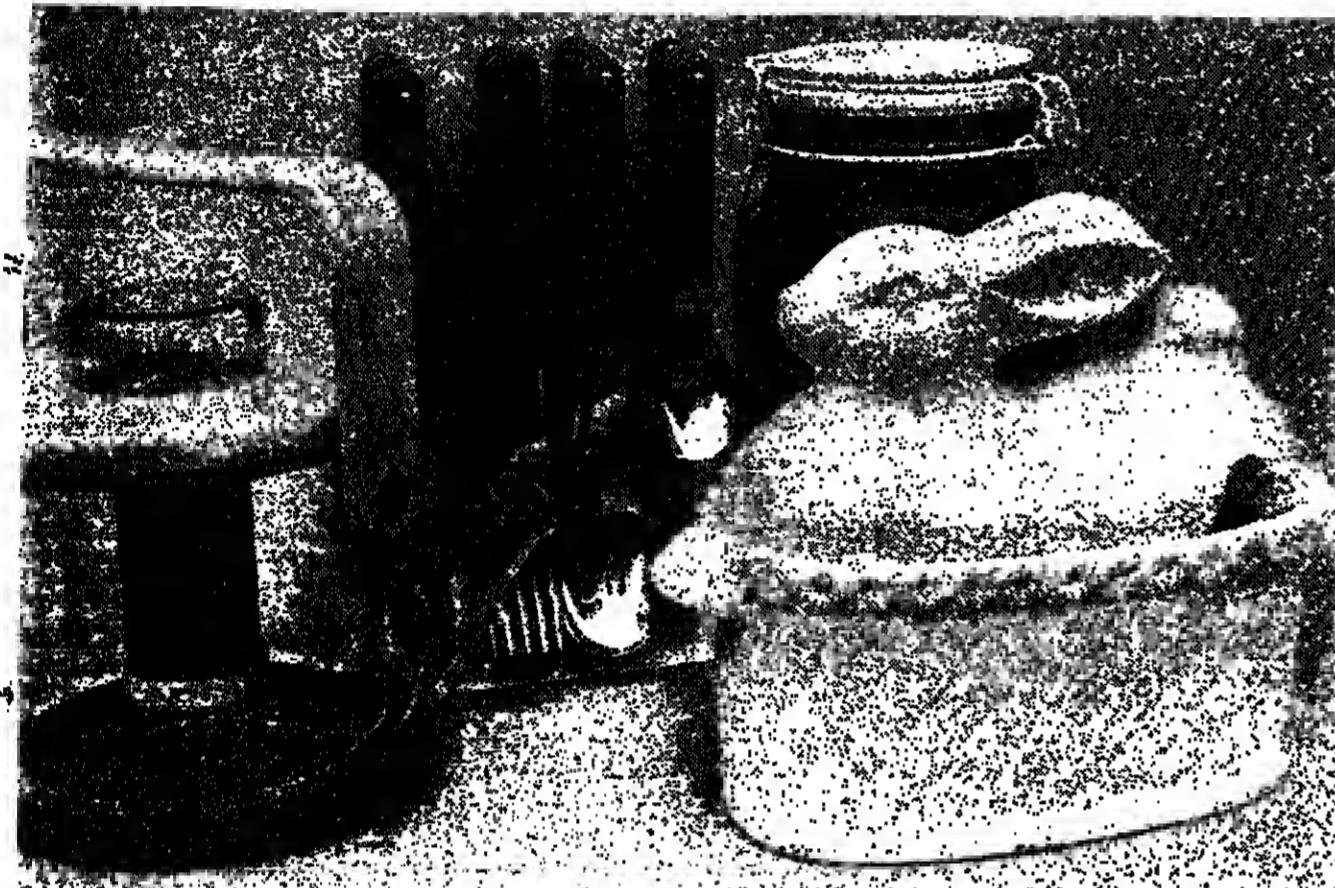
A companion plate says: "If you take my advice, you'll like it." Or: "Made with love is it?" "No, leftovers."

The range is dishwasher- and freezer-proof. The baking dish shown costs from £6.90 to £9.20, depending on size. Made by Honiton, the range is available from The Cartoon Gallery, 83 Lamb's Conduit Street, London, WC1, Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, London SW1, and good kitchen shops.



PICTURED ABOVE: bird bowl by Andrew McGarva £47.30, from The British Crafts Centre, 43 Earlham Street, London WC2; two Pierced Pot-Pourri containers by West Marshall £4.50 each, stoneware sparrow by Rosemary Wren £23.65; all from The Craftsmen Potters Shop, William Blake House, Marshall Street, London W1. Pictures by PAUL ARMIGER.

## A bargain hunter's guide, as the stores stand by for sales-time



PICTURED ABOVE, FROM LEFT: Bodum Bistro teapot in fireproof glass with plastic handle and lid plus tea filter, £21.95 to £22.95; six-piece stainless-steel cutlery set on stand, dishwasher proof, with blue, green, grey or white handles, £21.50 to £14.95; 1.5-litre storage jar, £3.95 to £2.50; all from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, London SW1. Italian ceramic rabbit dish, part of a range which includes larger soup tureens and terrines in the shape of pigs, cows and chickens, £15 to £7.50, from Harrods, Knightsbridge, London SW1.

ONCE again the January sales, which now crowd together immediately after Christmas, will provide ideal pickings for shoppers disciplined enough to visit them.

The first sales start on the day after Boxing Day, providing the ideal retreat for those who feel they have had quite enough of Christmas to last until next year.

One of the big temptations at sale-time is to buy the suddenly-affordable luxury that is often marked down because it is an unfashionable colour or because the buyer made an expensive mistake. Don't make the same mistake yourself.

SANDERSON'S sale starts Saturday, December 29, fortuitously selecting that moment of reawakening after Christmas when bargain hunters will be crowding London's Oxford Street, ready to make the short diversion to the tranquillity of Berners Street.

These days, Sanderson sells much more than the fabrics and wallpapers on which its reputation is based. There will be bargains in all departments, including a wide range of printed fabrics, cut from £11.75 to £4.95 for a linen union and satin-faced reps at £6.50 (£16.95) (all seconds quality). Sanderson is at 52 Berners Street, London W1.

THE REJECT CHINA SHOP'S three branches are starting their sale on

BY ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON

Road, London, SW3; 154 Regent Street, London W1.

It is also a good moment to buy a new bed at the three branches of AND SO TO BED which now has an offshoot in Edinburgh. The 5ft 6in bed called Nathalie, by the Italian manufacturer Flou, is to be discontinued, a fact reflected in the price of £695 (£1.250). This fully-upholstered bed with its orthopaedic mattress, padded headboard and matching base cover, is sold complete with duvet and cover, fitted sheet and pillow-cases.

Otherwise there is a large range of the brass reproduction beds for which the shops are noted. The sale starts on Thursday, December 27.

And So To Bed is at 636/640 King's Road, London, SW6, with branches at 7 New King's Road,

London, SW6 and 26 Castle Street, Edinburgh.

CYRUS' CARPET'S sale, which begins on Thursday December 27, includes a 50 per cent reduction on over 70 of its carpets and rugs, which come from Iran, Turkey, India, Pakistan, China and Afghanistan. The company's stock ranges in price from £25 to £130. Cyrus Carpets is at 47 Piccadilly, London W1.

More beds are at THE LONDON BEDDING CENTRE, whose sale also

starts on Thursday, December 27. There will be 900

sale bin tables and 50 temporary dressing-rooms to accommodate the army of 500,000 or so shoppers on the first day.

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imperfect though one cannot see why, for £3.75 (£5.40).

SELFRIDGES' sale starts on the popular day of Friday, December 28, when a 10-piece brass band will play to the bargain shoppers.

Outstanding bargains are to be found everywhere, with half-price mobair travel rugs at £14.95, double wool blankets at £19.95, Coloroll quilt covers at £8.95, single size, and Bassetti embroidered quilt covers at £18.95, double size. King-size Fogarty new duck-down duvets are down from £180 to £89.50. Selfridges is at 1 Oxford Street, London W1.

MAPLES' sale, starting on Thursday, December 27, will include 20 per cent reductions on its extensive range of American furniture and half-prices on items such as lamps.

Antique-effect solid pine dining and living-room furniture has its prices carved. A table, for example, which will cost £351 next year is £89.50. Maples is at 107 London Court Road, London W1.

JOHN LEWIS' sale starts on Friday, December 28, and as prices are already so keen, the bargains on offer are considerable.

Polaris stainless steel saucepans always a good buy at prices from £24.50, are even more so at £14. The Creuset saucepans are from £6.25 (£10.50) and white ceramic cookware flan dishes are useful for the freezer at £3.45 (£4.95). John Lewis is in Oxford Street, London W1.

IDEAS FOR LIVING is the shopfront for Lin Pac, which manufactures the Italian Kartell range of moulded plastic furniture.

The sale, which starts on Wednesday, January 2, will include bargains such as a metal bookcase, £59 (£106.15); plastic chairs in bright primary colours for £18.85 (£23.50) and metal coat stands at £29 (£45.50).

IDEAS FOR LIVING is at 5 Kensington High Street, London W8.

The CUTLERY SHOP starts its sales on Thursday, December 27, and the sale offers some bargains: 84 pieces of silver-plated cutlery in the traditional head pattern costs £795 (£1,050).

Solid silver is available at a price: 127 pieces of Versailles sterling silver, including a carving set by Roberts and Belk costs £5,450 (£7,095). The Cutlery Shop is at 50-52 Chancery Lane, London WC2, or in-store of the following shops: Loulou's, 154 Regent Street, London W1; Debenhams, Oxford Street, London W1; Romford, Essex; Hornton, Middlesbrough, Cleveland; Bristol and Croydon, Surrey. It is also at Bentalls, Kingston upon Thames and Worthing, Sussex.

SMALL but interesting pieces of ceramic make individual presents for those rockers enough to leave shopping until the last possible moment.

The British Crafts Centre and The Craftsmen Potters Shop both have Christmas exhibitions. Including many likely presents. The first can be taken on a morning's visit to Covent Garden and includes pieces of furniture, textiles, games and delicately-made evening bags.

Cecil Jordan's cribbage board is, for such a perfectly-proportioned object, inexpensive at £27, and Monique

Goetze's silken evening bags and scarves in geometric Thirties silks are not overly expensive, with bags about £11.

For a special present, David Colwell's black-stained ash reclining chair is a thing of beauty at £190, as is Nic Gray's wooden trains and cars.

The Craftsmen Potters Shop is full of small, inexpensive items as well as the more expensive large platters and set pieces. Andrew McGarva's painted pottery has a period flavour with its sketchy animals and twirling bits of foliage. In the picture is his perfect portrait of a bird, delicately carried out in greys and blues.



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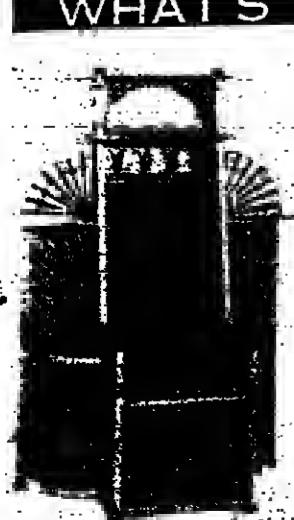
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## WHAT'S ON SHOW



IF YOU have ever wondered what Post-Modernism meant, then the current furniture exhibition at The Boilerhouse (Victoria and Albert Museum, London) might help to explain it.

The organisers don't seem to know for sure themselves, if their explanation is anything to go by: "This exhibition is the first opportunity to make international comparisons of new ideas in furniture, now that designers feel free from constraints and are able once again to explore pattern, colour, symbolism and metaphor."

The exhibition runs until January 13.

It demonstrates that Post-Modernism is not one style, but many.

The furniture itself, all made from brittle but beauti-

## WHAT'S NEW



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## REASONS FOR A VISIT

THAT THE VISIT TO BRITAIN of Mr MIKHAIL GORBACHEV has got off to an "excellent start" (No. 10) and the talks between him and Mrs THATCHER and others were "businesslike" (PRAVDA) is probably a good sign for Anglo-Soviet relations, which have had their ups and downs over the past few years and might be all the better for a bit more trade and contact and a lot less spying. The so-called golden boy of Soviet politics appropriately brought with him a seasonal message of peace and goodwill from President CHERENKO who is said to have underlined the Kremlin's interest in resuming constructive East-West exchanges, and particularly arms-control negotiations.

There is no reason to doubt these sentiments, however belated they may be, because just at the moment and for all sorts of reasons, including an element of political manoeuvring, there is a new mood in the Kremlin which Mr GORBACHEV has been told to put across as widely and as good-naturedly as he can. Moscow is blowing hot—after blowing cold for some two years or more—and, although this is to be welcomed, the leadership of the West must not fail to grasp that Russia's principal objective in resuming the dialogue in London, and elsewhere, is to stop President REAGAN from pushing ahead with his ambitious Strategic Defence Initiative. To be fair to Mr GORBACHEV he said as much yesterday. What he did not say, of course, was that the Soviet Union's opposition was based on a realistic calculation that it would be left behind in any uncontrollable competition for more and more technically sophisticated space-based weaponry.

It may or may not be pure coincidence that Mr GORBACHEV has popped up in London at the very moment Mrs THATCHER is thinking about what she will say to Mr REAGAN on Saturday. But the Russians are well aware that the great debate on SDI, as well as on the American position at the more mundane Gromyko-Shultz talks in Geneva, is still taking place. Moscow may fondly, and foolishly, believe it can sway Mrs THATCHER's thinking. Certainly it likes to exploit divisions in Nato. Mr GORBACHEV may be looking and sounding like Grandfather Frost (Russia's Santa Claus) here this week but he is not such a thing.

## ACADEMIC BARBARISM?

IT IS SURPRISING to find that Sir Keith JOSEPH'S forthcoming Green Paper on higher education is to address itself in part to the question of how to suppress "barbarism" in Britain's universities. By this is meant, apparently, the practice of inviting eminent politicians to address university societies and then preventing them from doing so by organised demonstrations. This is a very deplorable practice; but is it really on the increase? Compared with what used to go on in the late '60s and early '70s (one recalls the famous Garden House riot in Cambridge in February, 1970), academic life is now surely reasonably quiet. It is not long since a couple of rather silly Cambridge proctors publicly deplored the apathy of this generation of undergraduates. With the exception of the North London Polytechnic—a traditional rabble—undergraduates now seem to be chiefly concerned with protesting about their own conditions of life—a natural and relatively harmless preoccupation.

A few conspicuous politicians may get eggs thrown at them, but the majority of lesser visitors, however offensive their opinions, encounter "barbarism" only in the shape of the rather inadequate hospitality they receive and the profound boredom to which they are exposed. The inadequate hospitality must be partly Sir Keith's fault. As for the boredom, it is a more serious matter, and one which may have some bearing on student violence. There were days within living memory when, in the Union societies of the ancient universities, it was forbidden to read speeches. Nowadays, debates in those places consist of a series of arid, ill-prepared essays, read verbatim and having no relation to anything which has been said before or is likely to be said afterwards. Actual physical violence would sometimes seem to be a badder alternative to this sort of persecution. These young people should be taught to argue.

As for sheer discipline, it used to be maintained at Oxford and Cambridge by the kind of draconian punishments which can be applied only by societies which are frankly élitist and whose members are conscious of the privileges they hold and the price at which those privileges are bought. People who physically assault visiting speakers should quite simply be sent down forever.

## A DOUBTFUL RESCUE

WHEN HORSES BOLT it is not Whitehall's way to lock the stable door. It prefers to collect the straw and send it to the analyst. Hence the Chancellor's decision, announced yesterday, to set up an "internal inquiry" into the near-collapse of the Johnson Matthey Bank. That the supervision of this bank's affairs may have left something to be desired is at least a reasonable suspicion. But it is depressing that the Banking Act, carried through at the Bank of England's urgent behest only five years ago, should so soon require review.

The substantive question-mark thrown up by the JMB affair, however, is why the Bank of England leapt to catch the pieces in the first place. Only weeks before the Governor had pointedly reminded corporate managements that they should not look to Threadneedle Street to save them and their heirs from the consequence of folly. Obviously the Bank cannot "stand aside" if a major participant in the banking system is threatened with collapse, any more than the American authorities could "stand aside" and watch Continental Illinois go under. But JMB was not a Continental Illinois, or anything like one. Only the London bullion market stood exposed to the demise of JMB; and the other participants in that market had the means to protect their flanks if need be.

Clearly the Treasury was no more enchanted by the Bank's knight errantry than were the clearing banks, which were subsequently strong-armed into putting up collateral. Indeed it has been said that the head of the Deputy Governor, who masterminded the rescue operation, might be called for or a charger. This would be somewhat rough justice, when greater men than he have done far more surprising things with public funds and subsequently gone on to greatness. All the same, the Johnson Matthey bail-out does leave a less than satisfactory taste. The Bank of England must always beware that it does not give grounds for the suspicion that there is one law for the City, another for outsiders.

PETER HORDERN, MP, would like to see planning for the future replace the present reliance on short-term financial expediency

## Pulling the public expenditure cracker

THE season of "U-turns" is on us. Nothing serious, mind; not at all like the screeching of brakes, the wrestling with the wheel, and the hard, headlong flight in the opposite direction, imposed by Mr Heath and Mr Pym on those of us who did not suspect that the then current party slogan "Change is our Ally," would take friendship quite so far.

Nor is it like the U-turns imposed on all Labour Governments by the International Monetary Fund, when foreigners get fed up with lending them more money for expensive socialist measures. No, the U-turns we now see, on student grants, for example, are the inevitable consequence of departmental cuts done in a hurry.

The cuts themselves are damaging. The money they seek to raise (£38 million in the case of student grants) is not large in relation to the £1,500 million which the Chancellor hopes to have available for tax cuts in his Budget. Yet the cuts seem very large to those parents who were expected to find the money, and to find it in a hurry. The whole process smacks not of careful consideration, consultation and explanation, but of short-term expediency, which is exactly what it is.

IT would be easy to understand such decisions in the context of a crisis. But there is no crisis. Indeed, things seem to be going rather well at present, which makes these self-ignited explosives all the more difficult to comprehend.

There is another part of the system which invites trouble, too, quite apart from the cuts. For while the public expenditure programme for next year, 1985-86, will be published in a month's time, the Budget proposals will not be known for another three months. Over the years, strong interest groups have developed to further their own ends, and they do so by laying down a bombardment for three months before the Budget.

Everybody joins in. Even the Presidential is to spend £400,000 in telling us all how wicked it would be to tax the investment income of pension funds. But is it so wicked? Has not the vast accumulation of funds within pension funds overwhelmed the private investor, been responsible for the construction of endless office blocks throughout the country and abroad, and increased the price of agricultural land?

Where is the current benefit—the massive increase in the exchange of goods and services, of investment, and of employment and of personal savings—to be found which would have taken place but for this enormously costly tax concession to pension funds amounting to £2,250 million a year?

There is certainly a case to be argued. But what is likely to happen? There is a deeply

entrenched opposition by the other parties to anything suggested by the Government, and it sadly seems, by some Conservatives too. To these forces are joined the special interests, which, knowing that the Chancellor will remain silent until March, parade their flags and fire their guns, without so much as a toot in return.

So when the Chancellor brings his Budget to the House, any proposal he may announce which affects an interest group is greeted with withering fire; whereas his own troops, exposed for months to one-sided propaganda, are expected to go over the hill armed with nothing more than the Chancellor's bare statement and their loyalty—and the hope that he has got it right. It is surprising that the Government does as well as it does in these circumstances.

They order things differently in other countries. In America, for example, the Office of Management and Budget surveys the whole field of public expenditure

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and suggests where cuts may be made. It also proposes what revenue should be raised and how taxes may be altered to achieve the desired ends.

What a contrast with the way we do things here! We seem to treat Departments as though their activities are quite immutable and never to be compared, one with another, for what they do for the public good. So on the one hand we find that heating allowances for those on supplementary benefit are reduced and, on the other, that large subsidies are still being paid to rich cereal farmers.

Each Department submits its own expenditure to the Treasury and the quality of this expenditure, or its relevance to the principal problems of our time, is never questioned. Each Minister jealously guards his own departmental expenditure. Just as the feudal barons once guarded their fiefs.

It really will not do. What might be done instead is to ask the "Star Chamber" formed of senior Ministers, to reach agreement between Ministers and the Treasury, to sit permanently with a small staff to review the whole field of expenditure, and its relevance to the shape of society for years ahead.

The work of a standing Cabinet Committee would be to assess, not just one programme with another, but how appropriate is public, compared with private, provision. It would set a blueprint for more than expenditure, for the shape of society for years ahead.

## British turf men under the whip

THE world of Irish racing has been shaken by a xenophobic attack on the membership of the Curragh-based Turf Club by the former Irish Prime Minister Liam Cosgrave.

The club—the ruling body of Irish racing—has been accused by Cosgrave of being dominated by the English in general and British army officers in particular.

"The membership has broadened in recent years, but it still smacks too much of the ancient régime," he alleged.

Last night angry members of the club denied his charges, accused him of Irish parochialism and claimed that the club, which they insist is dominated by Irish racing men, is far more go-ahead than its British counterpart.

Cosgrave's remarks were, in addition, described as the nastiest event in Irish racing since Shergar was kidnapped.

**Poet's corner**

DUMFRIESSHIRE councillors will be meeting on a windswept hillside early in the New Year to discuss the siting of a somewhat unwelcome gift—a statue of the area's second most famous poet after Burns, Hugh MacDiarmid.

The monument to the poet, who died in 1978, was commissioned by the Scottish Sculpture Trust from the sculptor Jake Harvey. Now finished, it is standing outside Harvey's hideout while Dumfries council decides where to put it.

The caustic MacDiarmid, born in Langholm, did not get on well with local officials and his widow has accused councillors of dragging their feet over the siting of the statue. The likeliest position is on a hill overlooking the route of the Langholm hound trail—an annual drag hunt—which, ironically, provided the only occasion each year when the poet returned to his birthplace.

**Glorious Gloria**

GLORIA FRANKLIN'S appointment to head the Defence Ministry's new think tank, brings the number of female civil servants promoted to the rank of assistant secretary equivalent to a brigadier—up to two.

The other four who have breached the bastion are Mary Williams, Defence Counsellor for the British delegation at the conventional forces reduction talks at Vienna; Margaret Bibby, Head of Aircraft Finance and

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Secretary; Alexa Walker, Head of Civilian Management; and Pam Bailey, Director of Aircraft Support procurement.

Franklin's new division of 10 and "half a twist" are already racing to go. Significantly, she and an advance "embryo" team have beaten the gun by starting work in November on next year's Defence White Paper.

**Pushing the boat out**

THE 100 naval personnel on HMS Ark Royal at Swan Hunter's shipyard at Tyne and Wear will be particularly busy today handing round the mince pies and pouring drinks for the 2,000 workers who have been building the Navy's newest carrier. The precedent was set by the ship's stand-by company last year—an event which included the arrival of a maritime Father Christmas and carol singing.

Lieut John Hodder, the ship's first senior officer, tells me that today's celebrations have been extended to include hot punch and beer as part of a thank you to the workers largely because the Ark Royal has recently completed a highly successful contractor's sea trials.

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**Disposal departure**

ONE of the Army's three bomb disposal men injured in Falklands mine clearance operations has just been posted away from the regiment to a staff job.

Maj Geoff Ward, who lost a foot when he stepped on a mine, left the Royal Engineers Bomb Disposal Regiment last week.

The other two members of the regiment wounded in the conflict—Quartermaster Major Steve Hambrook, who also lost a foot, and RSM John Phillips who lost an arm while defusing a bomb on H M S Antelope, for which he was awarded the D S C—are still serving with bomb disposal, but are due for posting next year.

## Account closed

A 775-YEAR-OLD murder mystery has been settled with the Treasury of £33,08 to Oxford University, according to the *Journal*.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## COST-CUTTING THROUGH COAL

SIR—As a fuel technologist I draw your attention to an aspect of the coal strike which has had too little attention. The one sector of the market for coal which is capable of a large expansion is the energy-intensive sector of private industry.

Most of this sector turned to oil years ago but recently natural gas has played an increasing role.

A decrease in fuel costs of the order of 20 to 40 per cent, as attainable by changing back to coal which can now be handled elegantly and simply.

It then becomes worthwhile to change if an annual fuel cost is into six figures.

There are hundreds of firms in this category. The Government has made a grant available, for some time now, to assist in the capital cost but so few firms have taken it up that it has been extended. The grant ceases this month but doubtless it will be extended yet again.

Those in the private sector who did

change are now in trouble not because there is a shortage of coal—there is plenty—but because it is ungraded and presents handling problems. This difficulty started before the strike in that the overtime had seemed to stop maintenance of the all-important coal grading and preparation equipment.

Thus we compound the problem facing the private industry. We burn too expensive a fuel and if we do not, we end with interruptions to production, either of which is costly.

Since a miner's wife shops where it is convenient and where the quality and price represent good value, so too does a business man as regards his purchase and choice of fuel. There is nothing political in the equation. It is a matter of economic necessity.

And so we cripple ourselves. A lower fuel cost would reduce the product price leading to more sales, leading to more jobs.

How silly can we get?

K. BUTTERWORTH

Leeds.

## Easy way out for TV script editors

SIR—Mr Milton Shulman who writes on Dec. 11 has always had a powerful turn of phrase in his argument to support his long-term advocacy of the amount of indiscriminate violence introduced into the action of stories presented for the entertainment of viewers by television producers and directors.

Most people with any long-term experience of the business would support him to a great extent because it is no pleasure to anyone that violent action should be paraded within a dramatic context, as a solution to a personal, political, police or governmental situation.

However, this prevalence of the "easy way out" for script editors and television directors is more a criticism of professional standards than a matter for deep social concern which could, if accepted, lead in the direction of censorship of the worst "scissor-snipping" type which we had under the Hayes Code and our own British Board in its hoiter-than-thou days.

It is no good bringing American research into this argument because the network schedules in the United States are vastly different from those which have been patiently and diligently constructed over the years by our broadcasting authorities. In the United States there is no such thing as a statutory requirement for a balance of programmes and, in fact, the Hayes Code and our own British Board in its hoiter-than-thou days.

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As the parent of a teenage boy, I have every faith that he and his school friends will come through their current television experience into manhood without being infected by any orientation towards violence, unlike rather too many television script editors and directors who seem to evade the problem of creating dramatic situations without bangles, bashes and bad behaviour—all of which are very boring in the long run.

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## Unnecessary councils

SIR—Councillor Kewa Coombe, Leader of Merseyside County Council, (Dec. 7) suggests that the Government is wrong in its conclusion that the metropolitan counties' abolition would save money and increase local accountability.

It may be that the Labour party is committed to what he calls "directly elected strategic authorities for the major areas of the country."

A closer look, however, will show them to be what they are—an unnecessary tier of bureaucratic, expensive, often insensitive government. In Wirral, we carry out many road repairs as agents of the county council. We could organise it ourselves much more easily, at less cost, and probably more efficiently.

In many instances it is time-wasting at the least to have to deal with an authority some way off instead of being able to make the decisions on the spot and, where possible, get on with it.

From what many of us on Merseyside can see county councils get up to all the most outrageous things like Merseyside's campaign against "low pay."

It is not that one should object to those sorts of campaigns, indeed they are at times necessary, but when the council itself is a low-pay employer, with over 500 of the council's own workers under the poverty line wage-earning bracket it strikes of the ultimate in hypocrisy.

My own ward is on the boundary of the county of Merseyside and Cheshire, of which we in Wirral used to be a part. Civic pride made us erect a sign welcoming people to Wirral and its fine peninsula.

Recently an application was made by the county council to erect another sign bigger than our own, with the words: "Merseyside County Council... nuclear-free zone."

It is a wonder the Government wish to abolish an authority which is so blatantly wasteful of other people's money?

At present many of these Left-wing councils are spending as if "demob" happy. May their demob come effortlessly and swiftly.

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Wirral, Merseyside.

# Bishop of Durham's wife tells of death threats

By GERALD BARTLETT

DEATH threats have been made against the Bishop of Durham, the Rt. Rev. David Jenkins, who since his consecration in July has expressed doubts about the Virgin birth and criticised the Government, Mr Ian MacGregor, Coal Board chairman, and Mr Arthur Scargill, miners' union president.

The threats are disclosed today by the Bishop's wife, Mrs Mollie Jenkins, in an interview in WOMAN magazine. She says that there have also been threats of attacks on their two daughters, Deborah, 25, and Rehecca, 22—and much "scurrilous" mail from southern England.

It is difficult to be the wife of a bishop who says what he thinks, says Mrs Jenkins.

You have to make sure she says that the front door of your "place" is locked at all times, and before children open letters "she has to feel them to make sure there are no explosives inside."

"Very tiresome time"

Mrs Jenkins, the daughter of a journalist, said: "We have had a very tiresome time with the great press who have actually lied, had headlines and misled a whole lot of people who don't know any better."

"There have been threats of attacks on our daughters and death threats to my husband."

"Nearly all the scurrilous mail we have had has come from the south of England, from those who don't realise what enormous suffering there is in this part of the world."

Mrs Jenkins says she was "absolutely amazed" at what happened after the new Bishop (60 next month) was reported as calling Mr Ian MacGregor, "an elderly imported American" who should step down from his job. The bishop had also suggested that the Government was indifferent to poverty, and described Scargill as a "Stalinist Marxist" ready to organise "jihad."

He had aroused controversy already by his questioning of Church doctrines on the Virgin birth. Then there was a further outcry when he was quoted as saying the resurrection was a "conjuring trick with bones."

"Quite ridiculous!"

"What he actually said," explains his wife, "is that the resurrection was far more than a conjuring trick with bones," but the credulous felt their forebodings were justified when lightning destroyed part of the Minster.

"My daughter's theory is that the Almighty would not have missed by several days, so it was certainly the Devil's stamp of rage that his machinations had come to nothing," said Mrs Jenkins.

The Bishop of Durham was consecrated in York Minster on July 6 with an accusation of blasphemy from a clergyman echoing around the cathedral. Three days later a bolt of lightning devastated York Minster's south transept, causing damage estimated at more than £1 million.

Suggestions of "divine intervention" were dismissed as ridiculous by the Archbishop of York, Dr Habgood.

"It is getting quite ridiculous. My husband talks sense usually and people don't credit him with it. There are screaming headlines whenever he preaches a sermon—the Devil, Minster, and the Sun start all the trouble, the moral majority newspapers that like us now."

## Shakespeare too racy for schools publisher

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS in New York

SHAKESPEARE has proved too racy for an Illinois publisher of anthologies for schools. All references in his plays to amorous rites and maidens' legs have been excised.

To the dismay of English teachers in Richmond, Virginia, new Shakespeare texts—*Hamlet* and *Romeo and Juliet*—have begun to circulate with any passages that could be construed as suggestive missing.

The publisher, Scott, Foresman and Co., of Glenview, Illinois, had added the practice, common in America, of abridging the plays for high school literature courses. But the Virginia teachers noted that of the 100 lines missing from "Hamlet" and the 320 lines cut from "Romeo and Juliet."

"There is no doubt the cuts were made because of some sensitive overtones in some of the Bard's phrases," said Dr. Kenneth Bradford of Virginia's Board of Education.

In "Hamlet" for example, the Prince of Denmark's dialogue with Ophelia from Act Three, Scene Two, was cut. Hamlet said: "I shall lie in your lap, 'tis a fair and later. That's a fair thought to lie between maids' legs."

Also missing from the Scott, Foresman version was Hamlet's response to his mother's letter's response after the swift repartee after the death of his father: "Let the Mounting tempest you equal to her, on your cheek, flesh quivers on your nose, and let him, for a pair of ready kisses."

## HUSBANDS' JOBS 'KILL WIVES'

By DAVID FLETCHER  
Health Services Correspondent

WIVES are likely to die from the diseases associated with their husband's work even though they do not share his occupation, Dr Ben Fletcher, senior lecturer in psychology at Hatfield Polytechnic, said yesterday.

He told a meeting of the British Psychological Society in London that the wives of coal miners who never went down a dust-filled mine were still more likely to die of a lung disease than the average person—just like their husbands.

"In a wide variety of other occupations both partners are vulnerable to the same disease," he said. "Policemen and their wives, for example, are more likely than normal to die of circulatory diseases."

"Doctors and women married to them are more likely to die from accidents, poisonings and violence. Soldiers and their wives are more likely to die of cancer."

### Analysed 1m cases

His findings are based on an analysis of the deaths of over a million people of working age. He found a close connection between the causes of death of women classified by their husband's occupation, and the causes of death of men in the same occupations.

He said: "Such a theory—the psychological transmission of occupational risks between married partners—is obviously imprecise and based on necessarily crude statistical analysis."

"The findings, however, are from a very large sample of deaths and based on a wide range of occupations."

### THEATRE CHAIN BUYS £1m

### HIPPODROME

By Our Arts Staff

Apollo Leisure, which has been under the chairmanship of Mr Robert Sangster, the pools heir, since September, has bought the 1,975-seat Bristol Hippodrome, a major touring venue, from Stoll's Theatres for just under £1 million.

"It's like the fourth century—they're even talking about God in the cake shops."

Mrs Jenkins said it was amazing to see the outrage because her husband appeared to be against the Tories. "He is not a member of any party."

"He saw how ordinary communities suffered when they were caught in a gladiatorial contest between Arthur Scargill and Margaret Thatcher and felt he must point a way to reconciliation."

### A big job

One of the things which outraged the bishop was being called an "unbelieving" bishop. "A more believing man I have never met," said his wife. "Arrogant! Absolute nonsense. A more humble man I have never met."

Being a bishop is a big job with tremendous influence. If enough people who support him have the courage to speak up, change will happen in this country.

Bishops should disturb if they are going to keep pointing to the truth of the gospel. The gospel is profoundly disturbing."

### Teaching for 30 years

The bishop first disclosed his controversial views of the Virgin birth on the London Weekend Television programme "Cred" on April 29, when he said he did not believe the Virgin birth and the Resurrection were historical events.

Mrs Jenkins said: "My husband has been teaching theological students for 30 years, and no one has ever thought of it to criticise his views before."

About the Virgin birth, she said: "I'm quite capable of arranging such a thing, but the thought is unlikely because God works through very ordinary human events."

"It is the same with the resurrection. It may or may not have happened physically as people believe. The point is that Jesus was resurrected and is here with us now."

### BR CHRISTMAS TREAT FOR CARDHOLDERS

By Our Transport Correspondent

Discounts worth £270 million are being offered with 300,000 Christmas cards being sent out by British Rail.

They are going to holders of Senior Citizen and Family Rail Cards. Each offers discounts of up to £300 at theatres, restaurants, hotels and tourist spots.

Mr Frank Lovelock, railcard manager, said the aim was to increase the use of the cards over Christmas and the New Year. BR wants to encourage people to travel to London, Cardiff, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

### SIMENON HOME

The Belgian author Georges Simenon, 81, creator of the Inspector Maigret detective novel, was released from hospital in Lausanne yesterday ten days after an operation to remove a sinus tumour. —A.P.

## Tougher code for erring barristers

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

A MORE flexible and comprehensive disciplinary system for dealing with complaints against barristers was approved by members of the Bar at an extraordinary general meeting in the Middle Temple last night.

Under the changes a disciplinary tribunal of the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar will have new powers to fine or ban a barrister guilty of a breach of professional standards when it decides that professional misconduct has not been proved.

At present a tribunal can only adjudicate on a charge of professional misconduct and can then only find the misconduct proved or not proved.

The tribunal will also have new powers to hear complaints of a breach of professional standards when a complaint is in dispute.

More serious

Until now, alleged breaches of professional standards have been dealt with by the Bar's professional conduct committee which has had no proper machinery for resolving disputed cases where a barrister has challenged factual allegations made against him by a complainant.

Where a disciplinary tribunal finds a breach of professional standards proved, its power



Looking forward to Christmas—Mrs. Sylvia Duxbury, her sight restored, rejoicing with her husband Tom.

## Grandmother gains her sight after 62 years

A 62-YEAR-OLD grandmother registered blind since childhood has regained her sight in an operation to implant artificial lenses in the back of both eyes.

Mrs. Sylvia Duxbury, who has two daughters and six grandchildren, has a rare albinism condition involving lack of pigment.

Yesterday she described her joy at being able to see her husband Tom, 63, properly for the first time since they married 42 years ago.

He was even better looking than I thought," she said. "This Christmas is going to be special because I can see all the family clearly, read all the cards and look at the decorations—something I've never been able to do before."

Total albinism

Mr. Yous Khan, her surgeon, carried out the lens replacement operation at St. Woolos Hospital, Newport, South Wales, but warned Mrs. Duxbury there was no guarantee it would work because of her rare condition.

He said: "I doubt if I will ever perform another operation like this again in my life."

It's a total albinism, and when light enters her eyes there is no black box or camera effect. In all such cases, vision is quite defective.

I have never known anyone to see for the first time after such a long period of blindness. I expected her to be able to see something, but it's been more of a success since she can see properly."

At her home in Sickert Close, Newport, Mrs. Duxbury said: "It's wonderful to be able to see. The first person I saw when I opened my eyes was Mr. Khan, and I thought what a very handsome man he was."

Ever since I was a child I have been registered blind. I attended a blind school, and when I left I worked in a workshop for the blind, sweeping the floor.

Every day things like catching a bus were a major exercise for Mrs. Duxbury until her operation.

I had to rely on other people at the time to make out what was going on, she said. "Now I can run down the road after the bus like everyone else."

It's exciting being able to do all the little things that most people take for granted. I can even see how the bacon is doing under the grill.

## TERRIFIED' BEST GOES TO JAIL

By GUY RAIS

GEORGE BEST, 39, the former footballer, went to jail yesterday after his appeal against a 12-week sentence imposed on him for a drink-driving charge was dismissed at Southwark Crown court.

Judge GERALD BUTLER, QC, told Best that the sentence was neither excessive nor unduly severe. "It was right that the sentence should be confirmed."

Best, of Oakley Street, Cheam, clutched the rail of the dock, but showed no sign of emotion as he was escorted from the court room by a prison officer.

Earlier he heard his counsel, Mr Philip Havens, tell the judge that he was "terrified" at the prospect of going to prison.

Best, a former Manchester United and Northern Ireland player, had been sentenced at Bow Street earlier this month for driving in central London far above the permitted level of alcohol in his blood, and assaulting a policeman.

Policeman hit

He had been freed on bail by the High Court pending the hearing of the appeal. Mr. VICTOR TEMPLE, for the Crown, told the court yesterday that Best failed to appear after being stopped and when police went to his flat to find out where he was, he hit a policeman after being put in a police van.

Mr. Havens, in his mitigation, said Best had been afflicted by alcoholism for many years. "He is now extremely remorseful for what has happened."

"He has been publicly humiliated and disgraced, perhaps more publicly than anyone else by reason of his life in the public eye for many years."

The Judge, confirming the sentence, said he had taken into account the mitigating factors, but had reached the conclusion that the sentence imposed was correct.

It had to be remembered that Best drove in central London with more than three times the permitted level of alcohol in his blood.

Of the assault the judge said: "It must be clearly understood that those who assault police officers in the execution of their duty must expect an immediate custodial sentence."

The Judge also confirmed Best's disqualification from driving for five years.

REDS AND LEADS

FILL PM'S POST

By Our Political Staff

Mrs. Thatcher said yesterday that during the past 12 months she had received a mammoth package of 30,000 letters or more on two other issues besides student grants.

She told Mr. Andrew Bennett, Labour M.P. for Denton and Reddish, that they were on the "Save the Swans" campaign against the use of lead by anglers and a Soviet postcard campaign about disarmament.

A re-drafted Chapter Three,

The Daily Telegraph, Tuesday, December 16, 1981 15

## Multi-language map is vetoed by education study

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

A MAP of Britain, excluding Northern Ireland, showing the diversity of foreign languages and dialects spoken, has been vetoed by the Swann Committee investigating the education of ethnic minorities.

The map was suggested as an annex to the Swann Report's chapter seven which deals with language education.

The way it is put in a proposed insertion to this chapter by Mr. Clinton Duncan, the black headmaster from Bradford, following private discussions with Lord Swann, is:

"Socio-economic status and social class have long been known to affect the school performance of all children, including whites."

The ethnic minorities, however, are particularly disadvantaged in this respect and there can no longer be any doubt that this is the result of racial prejudice and discrimination, especially in the matter of employment and housing."

"The resulting poverty and overcrowding leads to many cases to an extra element of under-achievement over and above that of disadvantaged whites."

Better off

And, in order to hammer home the claim that whites who live in slums are better off than blacks in the same conditions, the proposed insert continues:

"A substantial part of ethnic minority underachievement, where it occurs, is therefore the result of racism in society at large, bearing on ethnic minority homes and families, and thus indirectly, on children."

In the long term, it was up to schools to bring about "this much-needed change in attitude among coming generations" the new draft adds.

But the unpublished Swann Report, whose new draft sticks to many of the conclusions disclosed in the DAILY TELEGRAPH of Sept. 12 (including the teaching of mother tongue languages and the abolition of morning assemblies) admits that bright Asian children are on a par with, if not better than, whites.

When comparing GCE Ordinary paper results at fifth form level, it was found that 52 per cent of middle-class Asian boys and girls obtained five or more passes compared with only 51 per cent of whites.

What has embarrassed some of the West Indian members of the committee (and the West Indian Press has been critical of those members) is that West Indian children lag behind (levels) of all other pupils, even when controlled for social class."

A re-drafted Chapter Three,

## Make Tandy Your Telephone Company!

## BRITISH FUNDS

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THE QUESTOR COLUMN

## Dented cans from Newcastle

TAKE canned beer away from Scottish and Newcastle Breweries and there's not much left, which is why a warning note about canned beer trading caused a mild panic yesterday. Scottish and Newcastle's interim profits at £3.3 million against £3.6 million before tax would, on their own, have provided a bit of pre-Christmas cheer to a cynical stock market.

But the company spin off the effect by saying: "Trading in canned beers compared rather less favourably with 1983's exceptional volume growth." Investors weaned on McEwan's Exports and Wm. Younger's Tyneside Special took fright.

In fact, there is no reason to be especially nervous. The group now feels that its market position is sufficiently strong for it to turn away business where the margins are inadequate and brewing capacity is being matched to profitable sales potential rather than sales at any price.

In taking that attitude Scottish and Newcastle is no different from Bass, but retains the advantage of having a market leader. Kestrel, aimed specifically at the cheaper end of the market.

Drastic larger sales were ahead enough to drive total beer volumes all square at the half way, with brewing profits up because of rationising benefits now coming through. Unlike most of its brethren, the brewer, there's still a lot of cost improvement to come.

At the same time hotels are very strong as the industry enjoys boom conditions, especially in London. The recently agreed hotel sales will add to profits as interest earnings on the proceeds outweigh operating profits.

All that points to full year profits of around £65 million for a prospective price-earnings ratio of nine times, backed by a 6.3 p.c. potential yield at 138p.

In the brewing sector those



The Scottish and Newcastle chairman, David Nickson — confident outlook."

are not bargain basement ratings, especially as the group needs to find a strong growth point if it is to avoid moving from the profit plateau of late set out in the mid-eighties.

Until an acquisition strategy is found the shares are for traders only.

### Brighter hopes for Whessoe

WHESOE may be building from a low base but second half profit of £3 million compared with just £1.1 million in the first six months should provide cheer for long term followers.

It represents the first genuine sign of recovery the company has seen for some time. Full year profits to September 29 have still finished substantially lower at £4.1 million against £6.8 million but the rate of downturn has eased from 62 p.c. at half-time to 40 p.c. at the year end.

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This may seem like a case of being grateful for small mercies but the whole engineering sector has been wrung through the mangle over the last few years and Whessoe is emerging from that period in better shape than most.

This is thanks largely to its cash holdings. These provided the group with income during the worst days of the depression and are now financing new orders which are coming through. But they are far less favourable terms than Whessoe enjoyed at the start of the eighties as it began work on the Heysham and Torness power stations.

That has substantially depleted liquid resources which have been more than halved to £5 million over the last year and they will reduce further in the current year particularly if the first Sizewell B power station orders come through to push up working capital requirements.

Lower interest receivable this year is therefore inevitable, but the group should see improvements elsewhere, particularly on the pipework operations where the key-making Canadian subsidiary has been disposed of.

That alone should add back around £900,000 to the pre-tax level making £5 million before tax a minimum profits expectation for the current year.

The yield of 9 p.c. at 88p now looks safer than ever for a very long time and the shares on a prospective earnings multiple of 10.5 will gain in attraction just as long as the Qatar oil claims remain a distant memory.

Seize Siebe opportunities

ACQUISITION benefits were always expected to make a bat on a prospective price-earning impact on Siebe's interim report for the period to

end-September, but a half-year pre-tax profit of £5.97 million against £5.6 million took most by surprise. The share price response was 21p at 88p, and with an encouraging second half in sight the shares must still be on a buyer's list.

Tecalemit Group is to for a full six months Siebe North of the United States and Caoda has done well and the Southern African interests have advanced. At home Siebe performed well as far as contracts were concerned, but in line with others saw slack conditions within the capital goods sector.

The overseas contribution to profits now runs at 70 p.c. and is likely to remain high while the American economy stays strong.

Last year's acquisitions brought with them their element of debt to give Siebe a gearing ratio of 84.5 p.c. at last balance sheet. This is however, largely a temporary situation and by balance sheet date will be in lower ground.

Earlier Siebe looked on course for £14.1 million pre-tax this year after £11.3 million in the year ended March, but following these interim results the group would merely have to mark time in the second half to reach that level. Siebe is not merely going to stand still this second half, and pre-tax profits in the £16 million region must now be the target.

Given that acquisitions have been digested and are making their contribution, further deals to broaden the base should be expected.

Siebe is now released from earlier dividend restraints imposed by the Take-over Panel, and the interim payment rises by 15 p.c. A further final dividend should follow.

The shares are tightly held, always expected to make a bat on a prospective price-earning ratio of 10.5 buying opportunities should be taken.

### MONEY & EXCHANGES

THE sterling index slipped from 74.2 to 74.1 as the pound eased from \$1.92 to \$1.905 in very quiet markets yesterday.

The pound also shaded in terms of other major currencies such as the mark.

With the pound showing relative stability and the London

THE POUND ABROAD

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Argentina	25.89 - 25	24.84 - 25
Belgium	73.90 - 74.08	73.09 - 21
Denmark	12.18 - 12.73	12.18 - 12.73
France	11.262 - 3054	11.262 - 3288
Germany	1.416 - 1.420	1.416 - 1.420
Denmark	4.1657 - 1.625	4.1657 - 1.625
France	1.1770 - 1.183	1.1810 - 1.1870
Germany	1.2510 - 1.2520	1.2510 - 1.2520
Italy	2.50 - 2.55	2.50 - 2.55
Portugal	197.05 - 198.38	197.11 - 198.35
Spain	203.64 - 65	203.84 - 72
Australia	5.0581 - 5.0582	5.0581 - 5.0582
United States	1.9000 - 1.910	1.9105 - 1.923

Executive Sterling Exchange Rate Index

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## Sport... on 4 pages

### JONES OFFERS ENGLAND LITTLE HOPE

By JOHN MASON

ENGLAND, the bulk of whose leading forwards were training at Stourbridge last night in preparation for the international against Rumania at Twickenham on Jan. 5, will need time to compete on equal terms with other championship contenders, it was suggested in London yesterday.

"England must learn to give their game an element of risk and people must be sympathetic if a player fails in taking a chance. But England—and Wales—must not allow gloom and doom to envelop them. That sort of attitude is corrosive."

I offer no prizes to anyone guessing the identity of the speaker, Alan Jones, Australia's coach, was taking his leave of these lands as briskly forthright on fares well day as he was at the moment of arrival 10 weeks ago.

Asked to assess how he thought the Five Nations' championship would work out, Mr Jones excluded France because Australia had not played them. "But I believe that Scotland will again finish at the top of the rest. I believe Ireland will be the surprise team, with Wales next and England at the bottom," he added.

#### Alternative strategy

"In our Test against Wales, they expected to be able to inflict a loss. As soon as it became obvious that the reverse was true and Wales had an alternative strategy, I know that they have been a bit depressed about their defeat."

Though little more than half the hour party were on the flight back from London and Australia from Heathrow early last night, those staying behind have few thoughts of rugby and none is staying for the Barbarians against Leicester at Welford Road on Thursday week (Dec. 27).

Instead, the holdaving contingent—"we are all mentally and physically drained," said Jones—will be seeking European and Commonwealth success. David Campese is going to Italy and, though not immediately, Mark Ella, Bill Calcraft and Peter Grigg will be working in London.

The Barbarians, the antennae finely tuned to a succession of felicitous decisions, have invited Terry Holmes to play against



Terry Holmes... returns for the Barbarians.

### ELLA EYES GUEST SPOT

Though Mark Ella, 25, is inconsistent for the present that he has played his last match for Australia, he is not giving up playing altogether, writes John Mason.

Now does Alan Jones, Australia's coach, accept that Ella has made up his mind finally about international rugby?

Ella, who is remaining in London until March on behalf of his tobacco-company employers, said yesterday: "If I could play now for three months, I'm sure I'd have found a club to keep me playing Saturday, I might do it."

Jones declared: "I'm confident Mark will carry on playing. At the end of a tour like this, all the players want to retire."

In three months' time I believe only two members of the party will have retired—Ella won't be one of them."

### TONIGHT'S RUGBY

RUGBY UNION: Gloucester v. Pontefract (7.15p; North v. Llanharan 9.15p; Northampton v. R.A.F. 7.15p)

### Schools Rugby

### Slick Australians finish tour in style

By Our Schools Rugby Correspondent

Sevenoaks ... 0, Armidale, NSW ... 18s

ARMIDALE, from New South Wales, fielded their strongest team for the eighth and last match of their tour and saluted their fifth victory, scoring three tries.

Heavy mud made conditions unsuitable for running and passing game, which comes naturally to the Australians, but they adapted themselves well and even brought off a number of flowing movements, in which Tombs and Chester, in the centre, were always prominent.

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#### Sound defence

The home side came nearest to scoring in the first few minutes, when a penalty kick by Schunker was back off a post, and Armidale scrambled the ball clear.

After industrious running by Tombs and Crawford had brought play to the Sevenoaks line, Tombs broke through and Todd-Perratt took the pass for a try under the posts.

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The home side came nearest to scoring in the first few minutes, when a penalty kick by Schunker was back off a post, and Armidale scrambled the ball clear.

After industrious running by Tombs and Crawford had brought play to the Sevenoaks line, Tombs broke through and Todd-Perratt took the pass for a try under the posts.

It was soon clear that the high-hanging kick would be a most effective weapon of attack. Morse

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## F.A. Cup Replay

Brentford  
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Brentford ... 2

KEITH CASSELS sealed the issue for Brentford in an F.A. Cup second round replay last night, scoring in the last minute after Terry Hurlock had put the Londoners in front.

But the Fourth Division side did much of the pressing in the first half with Belford and Benjamin looking dangerous.

It was Brentford who had the first chance when Casseles headed a tap for Booker after eight minutes. He drove in a shot from the penalty spot but Gleasure dived to push the ball for a corner.

Benjamin creased chances and tested Swinburn with a chest high drive and then a clip shot from his right foot from on his knee, but Brentford had a great chance when Gary Roberts' low cross beat the defence only for Salmon to turn the ball just wide of the post.

## Benjamin foiled

Close to the interval Benjamin laid a bid off to Salmon and then won the ball to cannon off the goalkeeper for a corner.

Within a minute of the restart, Northampton went close with Hayes chasing a loose ball down the middle but Salmon came to his rescue as he raced out of his goal and won the chase.

Then Mann, 17, broke clear on the right, beat Swinburn with a low shot across goal, but was robbed of glory when the ball ran just the wrong side of the post.

For Brentford, Kamara, in midfield, tried a snap shot which went wide after 65 minutes, and a minute later with Brentford still pressing: Salmon shot, only for the ball to hit Casseles and bounce to safety.

Keith Casseles put Brentford through in third round tie at Oldham on Jan. 5 with a goal in the last minute.

Northampton ... Gleasure: Lewis, Munro, Scott, Rennie, Train, Lee, Roberts, Casseles, Hurlock, Booker, Belford, Salmon, Gleasure, Fisher, Morris, P. Roberts, Salmon, Vinali, Mann, Hurlock, Casseles, Mann, G. Roberts.

## FOOTBALL RESULTS

F.A. CUP—2nd Rd Replay  
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—3-610 (Winners away to Oldham)NORTHERN PREL. LEAGUE CUP—1st  
Rounds 2nd Rd: Man City 1-1  
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Southend 1-0; Tottenham, Cardiff, or  
Sheffield Wednesday 1-0; Preston  
1-0; Luton 1-0; Walsall 1-0; Derby  
1-0; Swindon 1-0; West Ham, Fulham v  
INTERNATIONAL—G. plus 1. Luxembourg 0 (Nicosia).LINEKER LOOKS  
LIKE STAYING  
AT LEICESTER

By DONALD SAUNDERS

GARY LINEKER, the much-coveted Leicester striker, is likely to remain at Filbert Street for the time being, despite weekend suggestions that Tottenham and Everton want him to strengthen their Championship challenge.

Peter Shreeves, Spurs' manager, admitted yesterday that he did make an offer, believed to be around £700,000, last summer, before signing Clive Allen from Queen's Park Rangers for a little less.

Mr Kendall obviously feels that with Graeme Sharp in excellent form—he has scored 15 goals so far this season—the experienced Andy Gray fit again and Terry Curran in reserve, he is adequately covered at present.

No doubt Mr Kendall and Mr Shreeves are aware that Mr Milne is the hottest property in football—completes his contract next summer. If he does not re-sign, buying him might be less expensive—assuming the transaction goes before the League ends.

Not the least factor was too concerned about his football future last night. "I've got chickenpox. I'm covered with soots. I'm going back to bed and at the moment I don't care about anything else," he said.

Gary Mills, the Nottingham Forest midfielder, had even greater cause to feel sorry for himself. He is expected to be out of the game for at least six weeks.

Mills, who has played with a steel pin in his other leg since breaking it while playing for Seattle Sounders two years ago, will undergo an operation today.

## Hill is hopeful

RICK HILL, Northampton's England international, who injured his knee in training yesterday, is expected to recover in time for tonight's League match against West Bromwich.

West Bromwich are less certain about David Cross, their captain.

He hurt his knee during the visit to Arsenal on Saturday and if he fails a fitness test this morning will be replaced by Nick Cross.

Gary Shelton, carried off during Saturday's Wednesday visit to West Ham, has a swollen ankle with a badly bruised ankle, may be fit for the visit to Stoke this weekend.

Mark Smith, who struggled on with strained knee ligaments after Shelton's departure, is doubtful for the game at Stoke.

## DO NOT MAKE

Everton's reported interest in Lineker has arisen since they learned earlier this month that he had been offered a new four-year deal by his agent, Adrian Heath, their accomplished striker, out of action for much of the rest of the season.

Thong Howard Kendall, Everton's manager, has discussed the matter with Gordon Milne, his opposite number at Leicester, no offer has been made.

Milne's reported fee of £1 million is way beyond the present reach of Everton, who probably would not wish to go above £250,000.

David Cross ... faces a fitness test this morning.

## FA YOUTH CUP

NORTHERN PREL. LEAGUE CUP—1st  
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## Weekend Pools Guide

SELECTIONS

Compiled by TREVOR WILLIAMSON

## FORM AT A GLANCE

Chart shows Cup, League and League Cup games only with most recent games on the right. W=win; L=defeat; D=draw; D=0-0.

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE—Division I

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LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS NOT INCLUDED.

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SINCE HOME DEFEAT

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SINCE AWAY DRAW

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POOL FORECAST FOR DECEMBER 29

Punters are reminded that because of Christmas postal strike, they should not expect for Saturday's and Dec. 28 games to be delivered together, to avoid disappointment.

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# NORTH MOUNTS STRONG RAID ON CORAL NATIONAL

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

SATURDAY'S Coral Welsh National at Chepstow will attract a string of good staying chasers from the north of England and Scotland, although a surprise Kelso defeat for Earls Brig yesterday has put his appearance in doubt.

Righthand Man, Andromeda and Hardy Lad are Yorkshire-trained hopes. A Kinsman travels from Cumbria, and Kumbi represents Red Rum's Southport stable. Peaty Sandy, the 1981 winner, has recovered form and is Scotland's main contender.

Peaty Sandy beat Hardy Lad at Newcastle 16 days ago. Righthand Man, the Dickinson challenger, has won both his races this season.

Andromeda began last season as a novice and ended it by winning the William Hill Scottish National at Ayr.

Kumbi won a long-distance

the way to Wetherby 10 days ago, and will be out of action until New Year's Day.

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Duesenberg (Mark Perrett), first leg of a Jenny Pitman treble.

## Course Notes & Hints

### 'WEST' IS BEST OF THE DAY

By Our Course Correspondent

FRANK HILL, whose

100th win as an owner came from NORTH WEST\* at Folkestone 13 months ago, may gain his first success since with the same horse over course and distance in today's Heathfield Handicap Chase (2.15).

He had the remainder well behind when a three-length second to Rock Saint on his reappearance at Lingfield Park, and he will be better for the outing. Three Chances, a game winner at Nottingham recently, seems the main threat.

#### 'Happiness' fancies

Concerto looked set to make a successful jumping debut at Plumpton a week ago until a heavy fall at the fourthlast. He is a horse of great experience, the seven-year-old may take advantage of a 5th concession from Some Shot in the Aldington Novices' Chase (2.15).

Heads Up Happiness is fancied for the Stamford Novices' Hurdle (2.45), and Ten Bears may take the Shadwell Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase (3.15).

Erratic jumping often lets down top jockeys but Bock Jones' experience, his great

ability and should comfortably give the weight to his modest opponents if managing a clear round.

SOME SHOT may follow up, The Fondaire, next.

Worries also come when

the Stamford Novices' Hurdle

12.45—THE JOESTAN (map)

1.15—Ceconal

1.15—Some Shot (map)

2.15—NORTH WEST (map)

2.45—French Captain

2.45—Health & Happiness

3.15—Pompeos Prince

3.15—Ten Bears

HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE—Norte West and French Captain

TONY STAFFORD—Ten Below (2.45)

chase five days ago at Haydock Park, where A Kiosman finished third to Gave Chance and Andromeda, the two companion Forgive in Forget.

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# After 13 doleful Tests, England's luck changes

## EDMONDS AND POCOCK CREATE UNLIKELY WIN

By MICHAEL CAREY in New Delhi

ENGLAND obtained one of their more improbable Test victories of recent years, and their first under David Gower's leadership, when they defeated India by eight wickets in New Delhi yesterday.

This levelled the series at one-all, and it was a performance that under the circumstances amounted to something like a cricketing version of the Indian rope trick.

The match was won and lost in 90 post-lunch minutes when India, looking on the verge of safety with a lead of 93 and six wickets in hand, lost them for only 51 runs to the spin of Phil Edmonds and Pat Pocock, leaving England to make 125 for victory.

This was achieved for the loss of Robinson and Fowler, who had been called from his sick bed to open. Gatting and Lamb latterly playing so vigorously that the task was achieved in only 23 overs of the final hour.

Gower's post-match comment that it was a "believe nice feeling" to lead England to success in his 11th match as captain was a masterpiece of understatement, all things considered.

### Indian ill-discipline

England has again discovered that they need to function at something like 120 per cent efficiency in all departments to overcome local hazards. It seems much for their record that they did not take nothing from their fear that the ill-discipline of some Indian batsmen made the unlikely become reality.

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### Spinners' preference

The possibility of Edmonds and Pocock's being it was also discussed in the end, the spinners' preference to continue with the old one won the day, with consequences that now give their rightful place in English cricket history.

The day had started with Edmonds bowling. And when the first ball was hit by a ball that turned as the batsman shaped to play with its natural drift to the outside. But Gavaskar, having fended off two awkward bounces from Cowans, looked valiantly secure the longer he was there.

It was something of a surprise that when he got himself round to try to cut Pocock's turn the ball turning to bowl him. Shastri immediately dropped anchor but Patil, heaving the penultimate ball of the pre-lunch session for six off Pocock, offered a slight

hint of how England might And success later.

With nothing more than quiet occupation of the crease needed to leave England frustrated, little could anyone in their dressing room have dreamed what was about to happen, starting when Patil, sweeping at Edmonds, was caught off his fifth ball for a massive six over long-on, found the next from Pocock, flighted, and was caught off the returning skier to extra cover.

Shastri remained sensibly restrained, and the trouble was not often penetrate fields which were pushed back, and could only look on as the spinners worked their way through the rest of the batting.

Gaekwad, pushing tentatively outside, the ball staying at Edmonds, was caught behind the three overs later more calmly. Kirmani reflected the tumult of the Indian dressing room by playing back rather than forward to a ball from Pocock and, Edmonds, kept low and dislodged his leg ball off a bottom edge.

Immediately Yadav survived an appeal for bat-pa, catch, one handed by Cowdry at short leg off Edmonds, but without addition of runs, and Lamb, now stationed at silly point, held an excellent reflex-action catch as the ball was jabbed quickly to him at chest height.

### Return catch

When Pocock held a return catch from Sivaramakrishnan, the Indian batsmen, who believed it was all over, set off with convenience being taken between the wickets. England had 38 minutes, plus the final 20 overs, to complete the victory that Pocock and Edmonds had earned.

Fowler, confined to bed with an injured shoulder, had been hurried to the ground by the England manager, Tony Brown. This was a reminder of another Lancashire left-hander, Eddie Paynter, who was required to perform similar heroics in Australia to save the team.

Nottingh, quite so substantial was needed from Fowler, who surprisingly found contact elusive at the start. Indeed, at seven he was dropped off Kapil Dev at slip by Venkateswaran, who seems to have difficulty when a batsman of his form is made at silly point.

Apart from odd moments of uncertainty between the wickets, Fowler and Robinson located a suitable blend of urgency and discretion until Venkateswaran's brilliant piece of fielding and under-arm over-ran out Robosso as he pushed forward defensively on the walk.

Before the last hour began, England had made 58 from 12 overs. Thereafter, although Fowler was caught at silly point, taking advantage of the job with ruthless certainty, much so that the Indian spinners, even the normally accurate Shastri, wilted under their assault.

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The day had started with Edmonds bowling. And when the first ball was hit by a ball that turned as the batsman shaped to play with its natural drift to the outside. But Gavaskar, having fended off two awkward bounces from Cowans, looked valiantly secure the longer he was there.

It was something of a surprise that when he got himself round to try to cut Pocock's turn the ball turning to bowl him. Shastri immediately dropped anchor but Patil, heaving the penultimate ball of the pre-lunch session for six off Pocock, offered a slight



Graeme Fowler shows no signs of having come from a sick-bed as he thrashes a ball from Prohabkar yesterday, while (right) Allan Lamb swings a delivery from Sivarama to fine leg.

### The scoreboard

INDIA—First Innings: 367 (Kapil Dev 88; R. M. Ellison 4-61).

Second Innings:

S. M. Gavaskar c Downton b Cowans ..... 5

M. Prabhakar c Downton b Cowans ..... 1

D. B. Venkateswaran b Edmonds ..... 64

S. L. Venkateswaran b Edmonds ..... 41

R. S. Shastri c Patil b Pocock ..... 22

Kapil Dev c Lamb b Pocock ..... 7

A. D. Gaekwad c Downton b Edmonds ..... 4

S. M. H. Kirmani c Lamb b Edmonds ..... 6

S. V. Sivaramakrishnan c Lamb b Pocock ..... 4

Extras (b a, w, 1, 2, 3, 4) ..... 20

Total ..... 325

Fall of wickets: 1-12, 3-15, 5-16, 7-18, 9-22, 11-24, 13-26, 15-28, 17-30, 19-32, 21-34, 23-36.

Bowling:

M. R. Cowans ..... 12 2 42 2

R. M. Ellison ..... 7 1 28 4

Edmonds ..... 44 24 68 4

Gatting ..... 1 3 4 4

Extras (b a, w, 1, 2, 3, 4) ..... 12

Total (2 wkt) ..... 127

Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-12.

Bowling:

O. M. R. W. Kapil Dev ..... 6 8 29 6

M. Prabhakar ..... 3 8 22 1

S. M. H. Kirmani ..... 8 8 41 1

D. B. Venkateswaran ..... 6 8 29 6

A. D. Gaekwad ..... 6 4 10 1

S. M. Gavaskar ..... 6 4 10 1

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## TELEVISION - TUESDAY

BBC-1

6.30 a.m. Breakfast Time, with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. 8.30 in Deeps Britain — May on Mendip, rpt. 10.30-10.50 Play School, rpt. 11.30 News, Weather. 12.37 Regional News (London and South East only). Financial Report and News Headlines. 1. Pochie Mill at One, the final of the Christmas Carol Competition. 2. The Hockneye Land — Lambing Time at Hartree Hall, 2.25. "The Affairs of Annabel" (1954, h/w). Free-wheeling farce with Lucille Ball as a scatter-brained actress carrying over her roles into real life. With Jack Oakie, 3.30 Cartoon Double Bill. 4.45 (not London) News, 3.50 Play School. 4.45 Documentary and Muttley, rpt. 4.50 The Land of Green Ginger, with Langton Reed by Michael Barrymore. 4.55 Captain Caveman, 4.55 You Want to Be Top. John Craven's Newsround, 4.55 Star Trek—City on the Edge of Forever, rpt. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 NEWS.

6.30 REGIONAL MAGAZINES.

6.55 THE DISTRICT NURSES—When a schoolboys' game of football ends in disaster, Megan and David Price mount an impromptu rescue operation. (Cesfar subtitles.)

7.25 HALLS OF FAME—The venue this week is The Empire Theatre, Sunderland, where memories of

Ella Reford, Mark Sheridan, Jimmy James and Hetty King are rekindled by Roy Hudd. Among those helping him recall the halcyon days of the theatre are Noddy Gordon, Bob and Alice Pearson, Alan Price, Helen Shapiro and Frankie Vaughan.

8.10 CAGNEY AND LACEY.

9.00 NEWS, WEATHER.

9.25 MORE LIVES THAN ONE—On the surface the marriage of David Cowley, a middle-aged London builder, seems both serene and secure. But then his latent homosexual tendencies begin to emerge and his life is threatened with disaster. Controversial and written by John Peacock, with Michael N. Harbour, Elisabeth Charlton and Daniel Weisz.

10.45 THE OTHER HALF—Victor and Melvyn, rpt. London, 11.30 Scotland, 11.30 East Midlands. "Midland—The Truth about Christmas: North York Minister; South—Tanks an our Doortstep; South West—Spotlight Review of the Year; West—And it's Chardstock to Bat . . . .

11.15 CLAIRE RAYNER'S CASEBOOK.

11.40 LATE NIGHT IN CONCERT—Elkie Brooks. One of the country's finest singers, she comes to the New Theatre, Hull, where she featured many of her hit songs, including "Lilac Wine" and "Pearl's a Singer." 12.5 Weather.

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6.50 LOST SOULS—Anthony Burton escorts Charles Bowman on a five-mile walk across unknown terrain.

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## BBC-2

2.50 p.m. Backstairs at the White House, rpt. Part two of this four-part American series, which looks at the lives of eight Presidents and their families through the eyes of two men, a mother and her daughter who worked at the White House for 50 years. Open to Question—Billy Connolly, the Scottish comedian, answers questions from his teenaged Scottish audience.

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7.30 WHISTLE TEST—John Peel reports on a recording session. Andy Kershaw visits the Thompson Twins in Paris and Richard Skinner surveys the Christmas charts. Plus music from Lou Reed and The Penguin Café Orchestra.

8.30 "TOMMY" (1975)—Rock opera written by composer-guitarist Pete Townshend, with screenplay by Townshend and his wife, Alida. Set in a psychiatric hospital in Russell's usual vein with many stunning visual effects. The story concerns a dead, dumb and blind child who is eventually cured and goes on to become a rock celebrity. With Oliver Reed, Ann-Margret, Roger Daltrey, Elton John, Eric Clapton, Keith Moon, Jack Nicholson and The Who.

10.15 CHRISTMAS ON TWO—Preview of Christmas programmes on this channel.

10.25 NEWSEIGHT.

11.10-11.40 BUONGIORNO ITALIA—Repeat.

7.30 GIVE US A CLUE—Michael Parkinson hosts another game of clues with teams led by Lionel Blair and Una Stubbs.

8.00 DES O'CONNOR TONIGHT.

9.00 TAKING THE LID OFF—As the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children marks its centenary year, it has reckoned that the number of cases of child abuse has doubled over the past six years. Here, in an often quite moving, also sobering, programme, film shows of the children who have suffered abuse, talk about their experiences and the effects on their lives. Most of the children helped devise their own sequences in the programme which is presented entirely from the children's viewpoint.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN, followed by Thames News Headlines.

10.30 "ENTER THE DRAGON" (1973). Martial arts expert Bruce Lee's last film, an all-action extravaganza with Lee joining British intelligence to help clean up traffic, drug and prostitutes on an offshore Chinese island. Here, the plot is lost but the spectacular action is usually quite mind-boggling. With John Saxon and Ahna Capri.

12.25 NIGHT THOUGHTS, with Mosbo Davis.

motors of a competition in which the winners lost out, Bill Brockon examining the threat to local Trading Standards Offices and David Staford picking out some best buys in supermarket wines.

9.00 "A CHRISTMAS WITHOUT SNOW" (1978). Offbeat American drama starring John Houseman as a stern choirmaster whose rehearsals for a production of Handel's Messiah trigger off many personal drama, including a warm-hearted and seasonal, with Michael Learned.

10.50 AMAD KHAN IN CONCERT—The young saree player, who is reckoned to be among the best in the world, plays before a small invited audience.

11.45-12.15 TENNIS—The Davis Cup Final: Sweden v United States. Highlights from Gothenburg.

\*\* Outstanding. \* Recommended.

Channel 4

2.30 "Jewel Robbery" (1932, h/w). Romantic drama with William Powell as an urban jewel thief and Kav Francis as a baroness who falls for his charms. 3.45 Years Ahead, presented by Robert Daws and directed by a report on a local holiday for the disabled. 4.20 Countdown to the Human Jungle—The Quick and the Dead. B/w, rpt.

6.00 THE AVENGERS—The Murder Market. B/w, rpt.

7.00 CHANNEL FOUR NEWS, including an interview with Norman Tebbit; at 7.50 Comment and Weather.

8.00 BROOKSIDE.

8.30 CROSSEHEADS.

6.55 REPORTING LONDON—With Michael Barratt.

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